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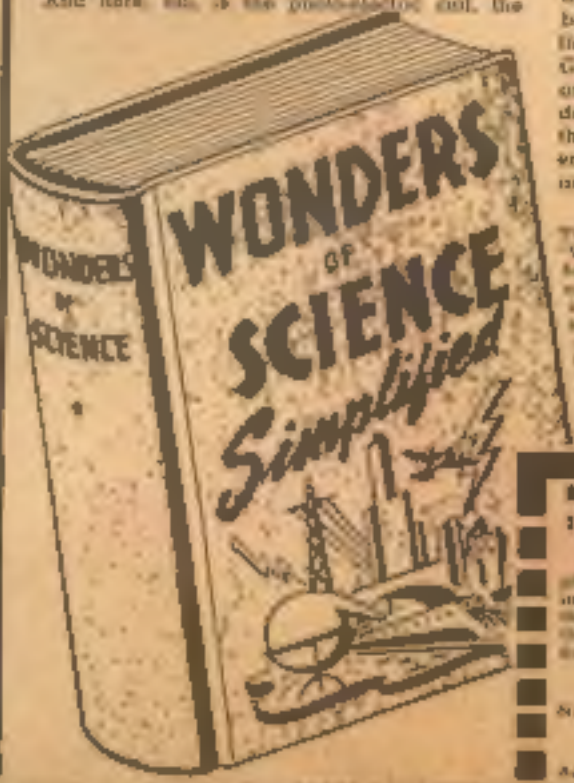

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NAPOLEON, MIGHTY WAR LORD---ALEXANDER THE GREAT, WHO WEPT BECAUSE HE HAD ONLY ONE WORLD TO CONQUER---NERO, CRUELEST OF THE ROMAN EMPERORS---ATTILA THE HUN, WHO PUT HALF OF EUROPE TO THE TORCH AND SWORD---GENGHIS KHAN, WHO PLUNDERED ASIA WITH HIS HORDE OF WILD TARTARS----WHAT IF THESE DEMONS OF DESTRUCTION SHOULD RETURN TO LIFE TODAY, UNITED IN ONE FEROCIOUS BAND, TO LAUNCH A WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN OF PILLAGE AND TERROR?---THAT IS WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS AMAZING STORY--AND THE SEVEN SOLDIERS OF VICTORY ARE PLUNGED INTO THE BATTLE OF THEIR LIVES, PITTING FLASHING WITS AND SMASHING FISTS AGAINST FEARFUL ODDS TO THWART THE REBEL SCIENTIST WHO RAIDED THE CENTURIES FOR---
"THE TYRANTS OF TIME"!

THE YEAR IS 333 B.C.--AND YOUNG ALEXANDER THE GREAT HURLS HIS MACEDONIAN CAVALRY AGAINST THE PERSIAN CITY OF TYRE---
JUPITER GRANT US VICTORY!
OUR CHIEFTAIN GOES TO TAKE COUNSEL WITH JUPITER!
SUDDENLY, A BOLT OF UNEARTHLY LIGHT STRIKES WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF LIGHTNING!
ZOOM
WHO DARES TREAT ALEXANDER THUS?
65 A.D.--AND THE SAME RAY INTERRUPTS NERO, MOST HEARTLESS OF ROMAN EMPERORS, IN THE MIDST OF A FIDDLE SOLO---
SWISH
THE BEAM SWEEPS FORWARD FOUR CENTURIES TO SNATCH ATTILA THE HUN, SCOURGE OF CENTRAL EUROPE FROM THE DESPOILED PLAINS OF HUNGARY--
A HUNDRED MEN SHALL LOSE THEIR HEADS FOR THIS!
AND STABS OUT YET AGAIN IN 1214 A.D.--AS GENGHIS KHAN AND HIS TARTARS LAY SIEGE TO THE CHINESE CITY OF PEKIN--
STORM THE WALLS AND TAKE THE SWORD TO ALL WHO--WHY, BY THE BUDDHA, I AM RISING!
LASTLY, THE RAY DIPS INTO OCTOBER OF 1813, AS NAPOLEON RIDES AT THE HEAD OF HIS ARMY TOWARD THE DISASTROUS BATTLE OF LEIPZIG IN SAXONY--
MON GENERAL! WHERE ARE YOU?
FIVE TYRANTS OUT OF THE TROUBLED PAST--- KIDNAPPED FROM THEIR GRIM LABORS TO FACE A SIXTH WHO WOULD BE A TYRANT--
WELCOME TO GLORY AND POWER BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS, GENTLEMEN! YOU ARE NOW ON LONG ISLAND IN NEW YORK! THIS IS 1942--AND I AM DR. DOOME!

YOU ARE A MADMAN TO DARE TO INTERRUPT MY CONQUEST OF THE WORLD!

MY IMPERIAL GUARD WILL DEAL WITH YOU!

NOT SO FAST, FRIENDS! LISTEN--YOU ARE THE GREATEST CONQUERORS IN HISTORY--- AND I AM THE GREATEST SCIENTIST! THROUGH THAT MACHINE I CAN TRAVEL TO ANY POINT IN THE PAST--OR BRING ANY PERSON FROM THE PAST INTO THE PRESENT!

I HATE THE MEN OF TODAY! THEY LAUGHED AT ME! NOW I PROPOSE TO FORCE THEM TO PAY FOR ANOTHER MACHINE THAT WILL PROJECT US ALL INTO THE FUTURE, WHERE WE SHALL SEIZE POWER AND RULE AS KINGS!

INFIDEL, YOUR PLAN TICKLES MY FANCY--BUT WHAT IF IT FAILS?

I'VE PROVIDED FOR THAT, GENGHIS--I SHALL GIVE EACH OF YOU A ROD LIKE THIS! BY MEANS OF IT YOU CAN RETURN TO THE VERY INSTANT AT WHICH MY TIME BEAM SEIZED YOU!

I KNOW NOTHING OF SORCERY! BUT IF THERE IS FIGHTING TO BE DONE AND LOOT TO BE GAINED, MY SWORD IS READY!

THERE WILL BE MORE LOOT THAN ALL YOUR HUNS COULD CARRY!

FIRST I NEED MONEY! WITH IT, I WILL SEND EACH OF YOU TO BRING BACK FIVE OF THE RAREST METALS ON EARTH! THESE I NEED TO OPEN THE GATE TO THE FUTURE! CAN I COUNT ON YOU?

THEIR MINDS INFLAMED BY VISIONS OF VAST, NEW CONQUESTS, THE TYRANTS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO A RENEGADE SCIENTIST---!

JUPITER WILL BE WITH ME!

ONLY GIVE ME AN ARMY TO LEAD!

I WAS GETTING BORED WITH ROME, ANYWAY!

SUPER-VILLAINS FROM THE PAST, PLANNING TO DESPOIL THE PRESENT, SO THAT THEY MAY RULE THE FUTURE. WAS EVER A MORE DIABOLIC SCHEME CONCEIVED? AND NOW LET US TURN OUR ATTENTION BRIEFLY TO ANOTHER SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT CONDUCTED BY A PAIR WE HAVE MET BEFORE---

OLIVER QUEEN AND HIS YOUNG PAL, ROY HARPER, TRY OUT A NEW TWO-WAY RADIO IN THE THRONGED CANYON OF WALL STREET.
STAY HERE, ROY, WHILE I TAKE A WALK TO MAKE SURE THE BUILDINGS DON'T INTERFERE WITH THE SHORT WAVES!
IT'LL COME IN HANDY WHEN WE'RE ON THE JOB AS THE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY!
I'M AROUND THE CORNER IN BROAD STREET, ROY! HOW'S THE RECEPTION?
CLEAR AS A BELL!
FARTHER DOWN THE STREET, MEN PAUSE TO STARE AT A FANTASTIC QUINTET STRIDING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE RIVERFRONT...
I KNEW THE MARKET WAS DRIVING A LOT OF BROKERS CRAZY, BUT...
IT'S A PUBLICITY STUNT OF SOME SORT!
SUDDENLY, AS A PAIR OF BANK MESSENGERS DRAWS NEAR....
DEATH TO THE ENEMY!
NO MAN HAS EVER WITHSTOOD MY STEEL!
RECKLESSLY, A YOUTHFUL WITNESS PLUNGES INTO THE LIGHTNING BATTLE...
A HOLDUP, OLIVER! A GANG OF MASQUERADERS!...
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
BACK, BOY, BEFORE I SMITE YOU WITH THE SHARP END OF MY SWORD!
WHY, YOU COMIC-OPERA CLOWN...!
AND MORE OF THE SCIENCE HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND FASCINATES ATTILA THE HUN...
A BOX THAT TALKS! I SHALL KEEP THIS PRIZE FOR MYSELF!
ROY! WHAT'S HAPPENING? ANSWER ME!
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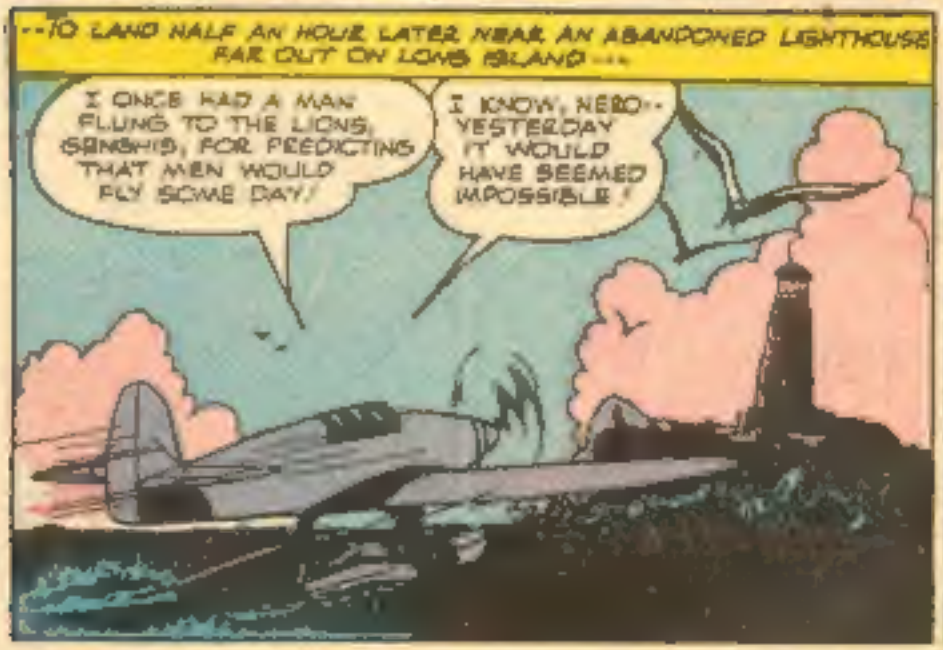
TERROR RULES THE NATION'S MONEY MART AS FLASHING BLADES HACK A PATH TO THE EAST RIVER SEA-PLANE BASE--

A WAITING PLANE STREAKS INTO THE SKY.
A CLEAN GETAWAY!
MASQUERADE COSTUMES! NOW WHAT GANGSTERS WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT?


--TO LAND HALF AN HOUR LATER NEAR AN ABANDONED LIGHTHOUSE FAR OUT ON LONG ISLAND---
I ONCE HAD A MAN FLUNG TO THE LIONS, GENGHIS, FOR PREDICTING THAT MEN WOULD FLY SOME DAY!
I KNOW, NERO-- YESTERDAY IT WOULD HAVE SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE!

I SEE YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED! NOW WE HAVE HALF A MILLION DOLLARS WITH WHICH TO PREPARE TO CONQUER THE FUTURE!

MEANWHILE, BACK IN WALL STREET---
YOU SAY THEY WORE HISTORICAL COSTUMES?
YES--AND TALKED LIKE HISTORICAL CHARACTERS IN THE MOVIES!

ABRUPTLY, QUEEN'S TINY RADIO BREAKS ITS SILENCE--
--I ONCE HAD A MAN FLUNG TO THE LIONS, GENGHIS, FOR PREDICTING THAT MEN WOULD FLY---
WHA--? SOMEONE'S ON MY WAVE-LENGTH, AND I CAN HEAR THE HUM OF A PLANE MOTOR!
OLIVER, THE ONE WHO HIT ME TOOK MY RADIO WITH HIM!

A CASE FOR THE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY!
I'VE GOT A HUNCH IT'S BIGGER THAN THAT! IT SEEMS INCREDIBLE, BUT THAT NAME "GENGHIS" SOUNDS AS IF THEY MAY ACTUALLY HAVE COME FROM THE PAST! I'M GOING TO CALL A MEETING OF THE LEGIONNAIRES!
--NOW WE HAVE A MILLION DOLLARS WITH WHICH TO PREPARE OUR ASSAULT ON THE FUTURE--

A SECRET SIGNAL CRACKLES OVER THE AIR WAVES, SUMMONING SEVEN MIGHTY HEROES TO WAR AGAINST CRIME!

...AND IT MAY TAKE ALL OF US TO STOP THIS GANG! IF THEY'RE ACTUALLY TYRANTS FROM THE PAST, WHICH IS AMAZING, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE, OR...

GADZOOKS... I COME FROM THE PAST, SO WHY NOT THEY?

AGAIN THE RADIO GIVES VOICE AS ATTILA'S BARBARIC CURIOSITY BETRAYS HIS COMRADES IN CONSPIRACY...

NOW, MY CONQUERORS, I SHALL SEND YOU FORTH TO SEIZE THE METALS THAT WILL MAKE US KINGS OF THE FUTURE!

THE RADIO IS LETTING US IN ON THEIR PLANS!

...NAPOLEON, A SHIPMENT OF GOLD IS AWAITING A TRAIN NEAR THE CANADIAN BORDER... I SHALL PROVIDE YOU WITH A SMALL ARMY!...

STUPESY AND I WILL TACKLE NAPOLEON... WE HAVE A SPECIAL GRUDGE AGAINST DICTATORS, PAST AND PRESENT!

...ALEXANDER, YOU SHALL GO TO THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES TO BRING BACK A QUANTITY OF RADIUM!

ARCHERS! THAT SOUNDS LIKE OUR JOB, SPEEDY!

...GENGHIS KAHN, PLATINUM IS SHIPPED FROM ALASKA... I HAVE MADE PLANS FOR YOU TO LEAD A RAID THERE!

BY MY SWORD, I SHOULD LIKE TO MEET THIS KHAN! WHERE IS ALASKA?

...NERO, YOU ARE TO CAPTURE A SHIP CARRYING A VALUABLE CARGO OF URANIUM!... ATTILA, YOU WILL TAKE SOME OF YOUR HUNS TO SOUTH DAKOTA, WHERE TANTALUM IS PRODUCED!

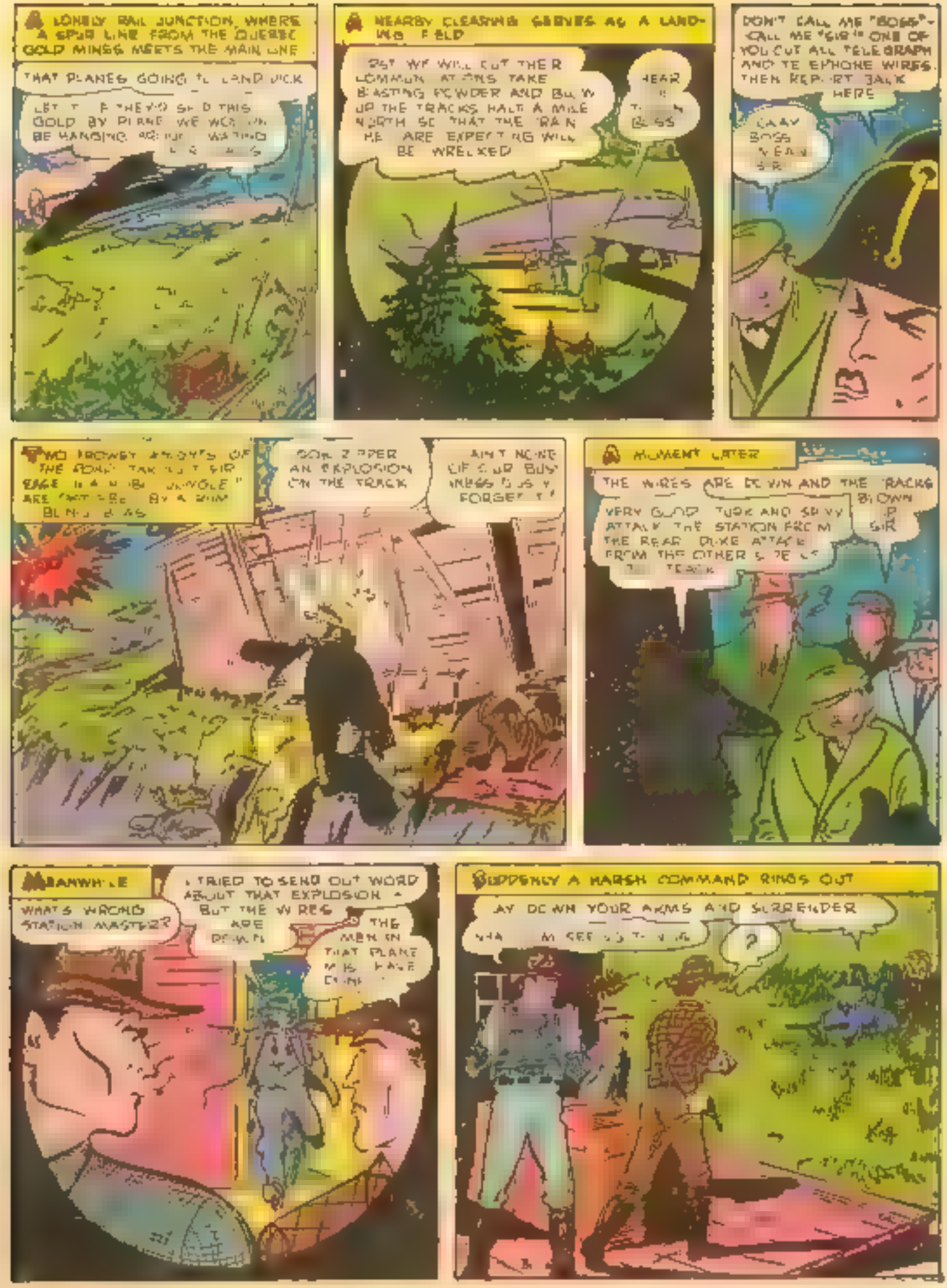
I'D LIKE A SEA VOYAGE... I WILL TAKE NERO!

THAT LEAVES ATTILA THE HUN FOR ME... AND I KNOW EVERY INCH OF THE BLACK HILLS OF DAKOTA!

COYOTES ARE COYOTES WHETHER THEY COME FROM THE PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE! I MOVE WE RUN DOWN THESE FIVE VARMINTS IN A HURRY, AND HOLD ANOTHER POW-WOW ABOUT THIS SIDEWINDER WHO CALLS HIMSELF DR. DOOME!

the STAR-SPANGLED KID
by HAL SHERMAN
FIRST AMONG DR. DOOME'S TERRIFYING TYRANTS OF TIME, THE GREAT NAPOLEON LEADS AN UNDERWORLD ARMY ON A PLUNDER-MARCH PLANNED TO SWERVE THE COURSE OF THE FUTURE...BUT THE LEGENDARY MIGHT OF THE LITTLE CORPORAL HOLDS NO TERRORS FOR THOSE VALIANT MARTYRS IN PERIL, THE STAR-SPANGLED KID AND STRIPESY, AS THEY ROCKET INTO THE HEART OF THE WILDERNESS TO MATCH BRAINS AND BRAWN AGAINST GUNS AND CUNNING STRATEGY! --CHAPTER I--
"DEFEAT BEFORE WATERLOO!"

SYLVESTER HEMBERTON DEPARTS FROM HIS MOTHER'S PRETENTIOUS MANSION, ON A HASTY EXPEDITION...
...AND ALL AT ONCE I REMEMBERED DAD, THAT NO BOTANIST EVER LISTED ALL THE MOSSES OF THE NORTH-WOODS!
MOSSES BAH! WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I HUNTED GRIZZLIES!
I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, SIR!
AT THE EDGE OF THE CITY...
IF YOUR PA KNEW WE WERE HUNTING NAPOLEON, HE'D FEEL DIFFERENT, EH, KID?
I DON'T KNOW, STRIPESY. FATHERS ARE FUNNY SOMETIMES!
A FINGER TOUCHES A HIDDEN BUTTON... AND AS IF BY MAGIC THE UNWIELDY FRAME ALTERS, TAKING ON THE SLEEK STREAMLINES OF THE STAR-ROCKET-RACER!
HOP IN, KID--WE'RE GONNA HIT THE HIGH SPOTS!
I'M RIGHT WITH YOU!
AN AUTOGIRO PROPELLOR UNFOLDS FROM THE REAR DECK, AND...
THE PLACE WE WANT IS ALMOST DUE NORTH OF HERE!
AYE, AYE, SKIPPER--DUE NORTH IT IS!
SWIFTER THAN ANY PLANE, THE ROCKET-PROPELLED CRAFT STREAKS TOWARD ITS RENDEZVOUS WITH ADVENTURE!
THERE'S THE RAILROAD! ONLY A FEW MORE MILES TO THE STATION WHERE THE GOLD IS WAITING!
WONDER IF NAPOLEON AND HIS ARMY HAVE GOT THERE YET?
YOU KNOW, KID, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE GOING AFTER THE GREATEST GENERAL IN HISTORY!
WHEN HE GETS OUT TO STEAL GOLD, HE'S JUST ANOTHER CROOK TO ME--AND WE'VE TACKLED CLEVER CROOKS BEFORE THIS!
AND NOW LET US TURN THE CLOCK BACKWARD AN HOUR, AND WATCH A BIG TRANSPORT PLANE DRONE OVER THE SAME COURSE...
ABOARD THE SHIP, NAPOLEON PEEVISHLY DISCIPLINES HIS "ARMY"...
REMEMBER, HAPPY--TIMES HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU WAS A BIG SHOT!
SILENCE, FOOL! HOW DARE YOU ADDRESS NAPOLEON THUS!
DISRESPECTFUL CURS! IF ONLY I WERE RIDING MY WHITE CHARGER AT THE HEAD OF MY IMPERIAL GUARDS!
CRABBY LITTLE SQUIRT, AIN'T HE?
BUT THEY SAY HE'S GOT BRAINS!


A LONELY RAIL JUNCTION, WHERE A SPUR LINE FROM THE QUEBEC GOLD MINES MEETS THE MAIN LINE
THAT PLANES GOING TO LAND DICK
LET'S SEE THEY'D SEND THIS GOLD BY PLANE WE'RE ON BE HANDING
NEARBY CLEARING SERVES AS A LANDING FIELD
BUT WE WILL CUT THEIR COMMUNICATIONS TAKE BLASTING POWDER AND BLOW UP THE TRACKS HALF A MILE NORTH SO THAT THE TRAIN HE ARE EXPECTING WILL BE WRECKED
HEAR IT
BOSS
DON'T CALL ME "BOSS" CALL ME "SIR" ONE OF YOU CUT ALL TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WIRES. THEN REPORT BACK HERE
YEAH BOSS YEAH SIR
TWO FROWSY ANGLES OF THE ROAD TAKE OUT SIR EDGE IN A NIGHT JUNGLE ARE CAUGHT BY A WINDOW BLIND AS
GOSH ZEPPER AN EXPLOSION ON THE TRACK
AIN'T NONE OF OUR BUSINESS JUST FORGET IT
MOMENT LATER
THE WIRES ARE DOWN AND THE TRACKS BLOWN UP SIR
VERY GOOD TUCK AND SPIVVY ATTACK THE STATION FROM THE REAR DUKE ATTACKS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACK
MEANWHILE
WHAT'S WRONG STATION MASTER?
I TRIED TO SEND OUT WORD ABOUT THAT EXPLOSION BUT THE WIRES ARE DOWN
THE MEN IN THAT PLANE MUST HAVE DONE IT
SUDDENLY A HARSH COMMAND RINGS OUT
LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS AND SURRENDER
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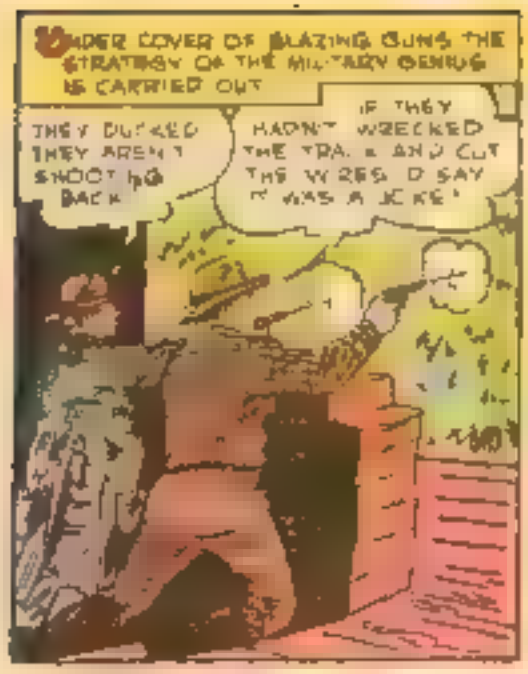
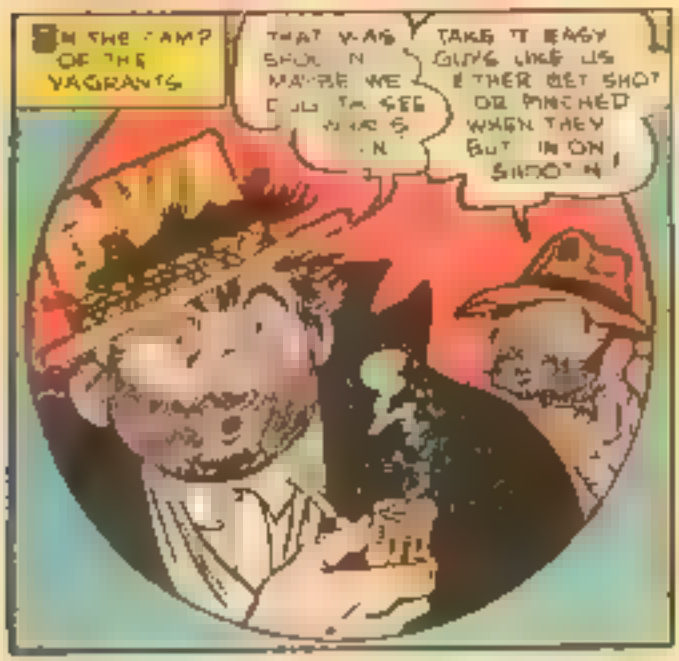
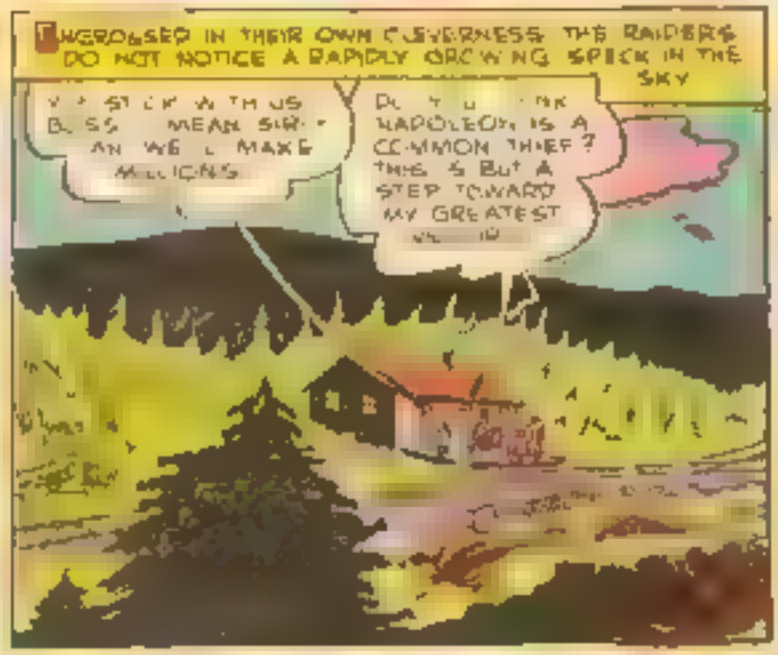
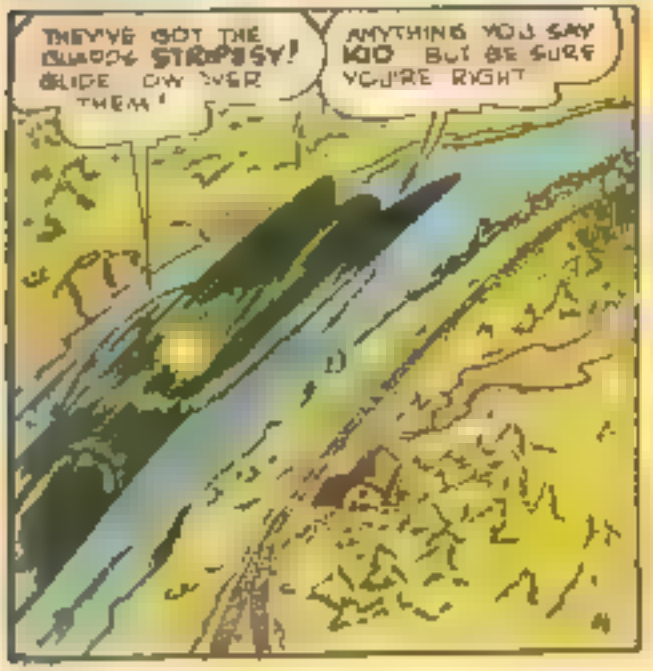

UNDER COVER OF BLAZING GUNS THE STRATEGY OF THE MILITARY GENIUS IS CARRIED OUT
THEY DUCKED THEY AREN'T SHOOTING BACK
IF THEY HADN'T WRECKED THE TRAIN AND CUT THE WIRES I'D SAY IT WAS A JOKE!

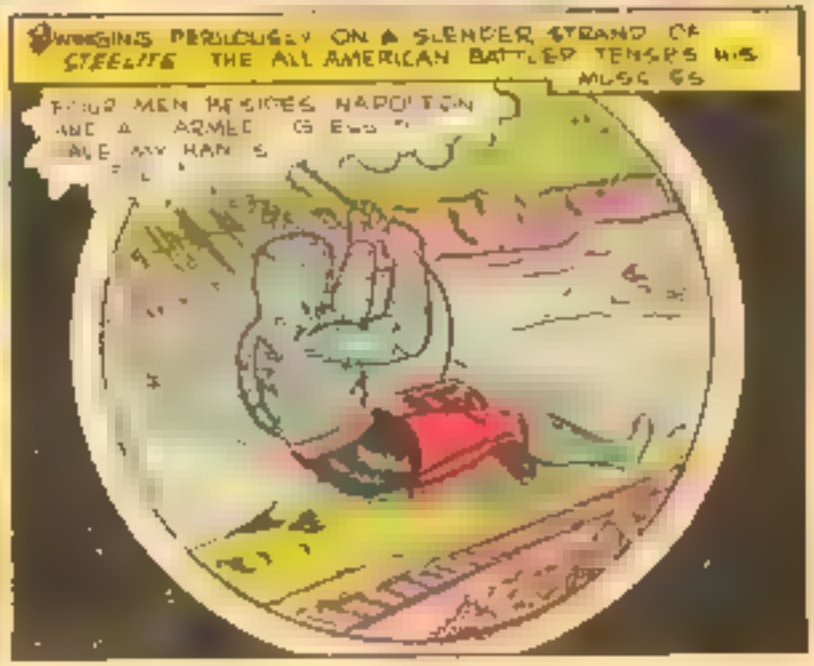
AND THE VICTORY IS ONE OF THE EASIEST OF ALL THE NAPOLEONIC CAMPAIGNS!
REACH, SAYS THE JOKE'S ON YOU!
HEY! HEY TRICKED US

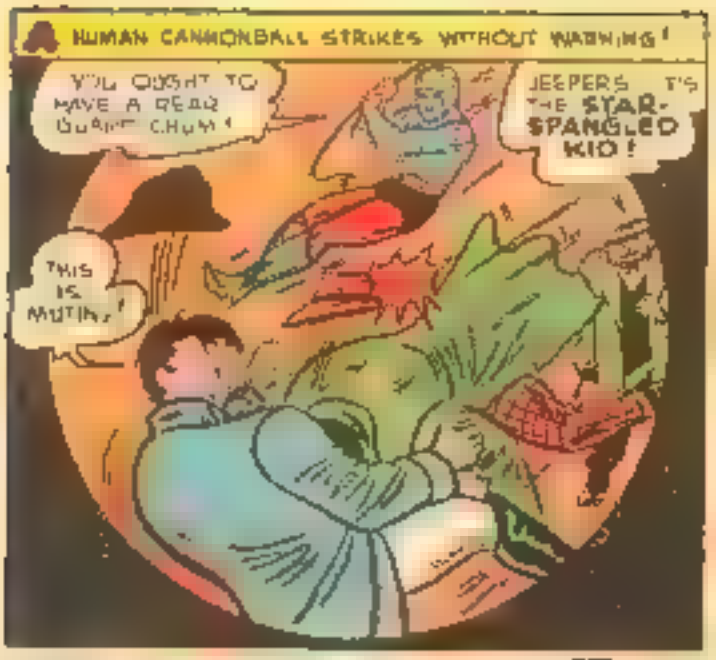
TIE THEM UP, THEN CARRY THE GOLD TO THE PLANE
IT'S A CINCH!

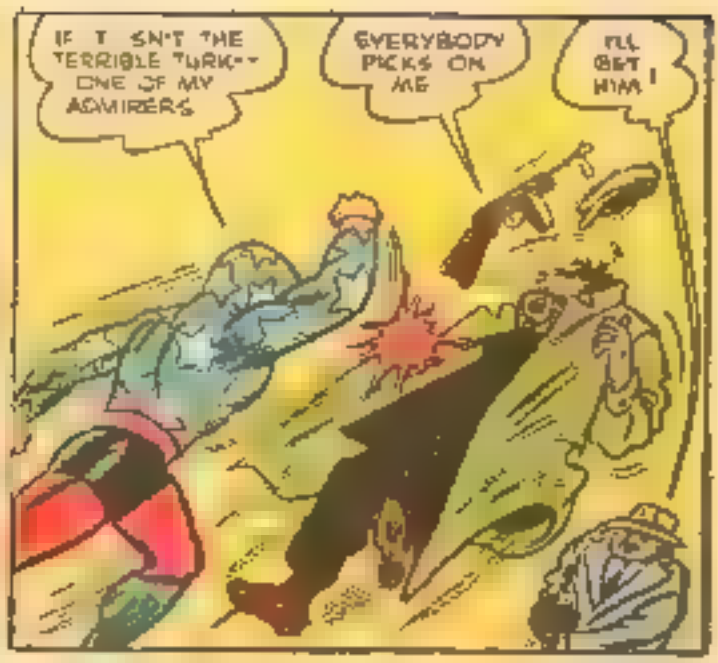

IN THE CAMP OF THE VAGRANTS
THAT WAS SHOOTIN MAYBE WE COULD TA SEE WHO'S IN
TAKE IT EASY GUYS LIKE US EITHER GET SHOT OR PINCHED WHEN THEY BUT IN ON SHOOTIN!


UNCROSSED IN THEIR OWN CLEVERNESS THE RAIDERS DO NOT NOTICE A RAPIDLY GROWING SPECK IN THE SKY
YOU STICK WITH US BOSS MEAN SURE AN WE'LL MAKE MILLIONS
DO YOU THINK NAPOLEON IS A COMMON THIEF? THIS IS BUT A STEP TOWARD MY GREATEST VENTURE

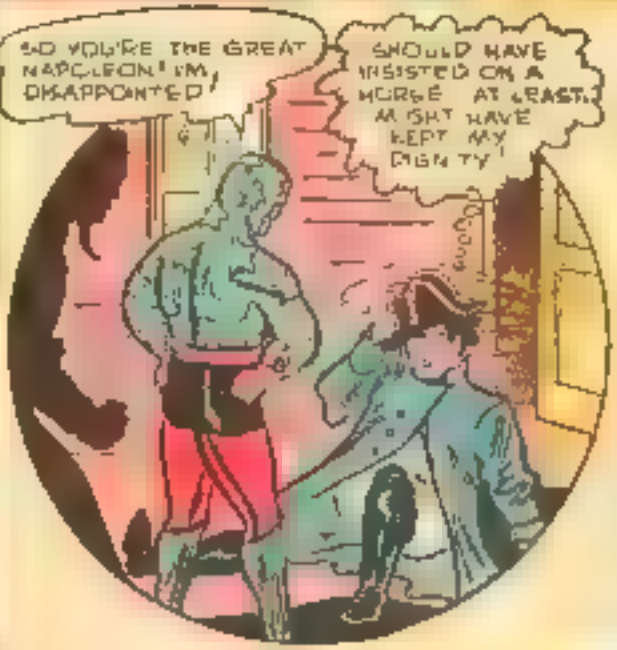

THEY'VE GOT THE BUGGY STRAPPED! GLIDE OVER OVER THEM!
ANYTHING YOU SAY KID BUT BE SURE YOU'RE RIGHT


SWINGING PERILOUSLY ON A SLENDER STRAND OF STEELITE THE ALL AMERICAN BATTLER TENSES HIS MUSCLES
FOUR MEN BESIDES NAPOLEON AND A ARMED GUARD HAVE MY HANDS


A HUMAN CANNONBALL STRIKES WITHOUT WARNING!
YOU OUGHT TO HAVE A REAR GUARD CHUM!
JEEPERS IT'S THE STAR-SPANGLED KID!
THIS IS MUTINY!


IF IT ISN'T THE TERRIBLE TURK-- ONE OF MY ADMIRERS
EVERYBODY PICKS ON ME
I'LL GET HIM!

TROUBLE WITH YOU IS, YOU'VE GOT GOLD ON THE BRAIN!

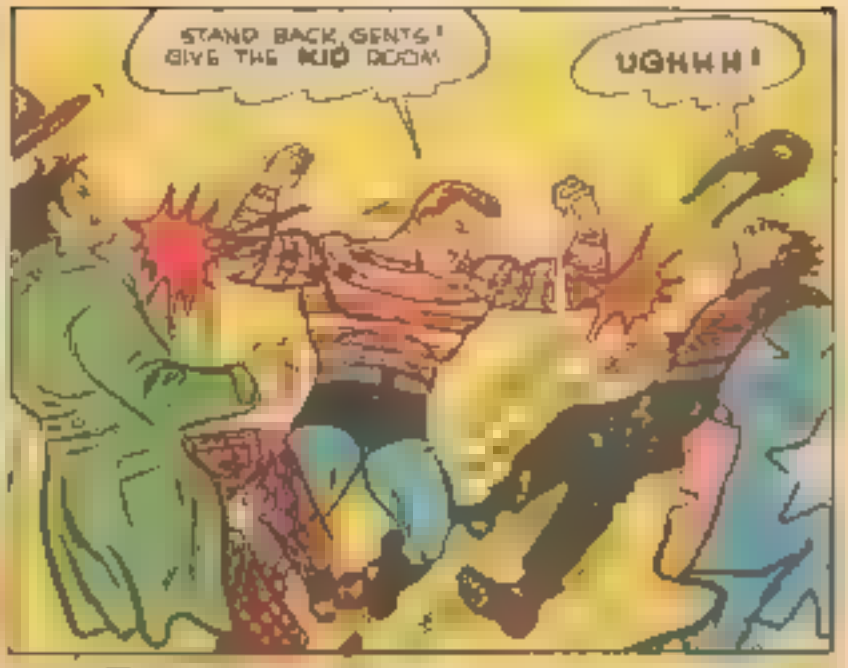

SO YOU'RE THE GREAT NAPOLEON! I'M DISAPPOINTED!
SHOULD HAVE INSISTED ON A HORSE AT LEAST! MIGHT HAVE KEPT MY DIGNITY!

WHAT'S THIS? I THOUGHT I'D TAKEN CARE OF EVERYBODY!
YOU NEED SOMEBODY TO TAKE CARE OF YOU MEDDLER

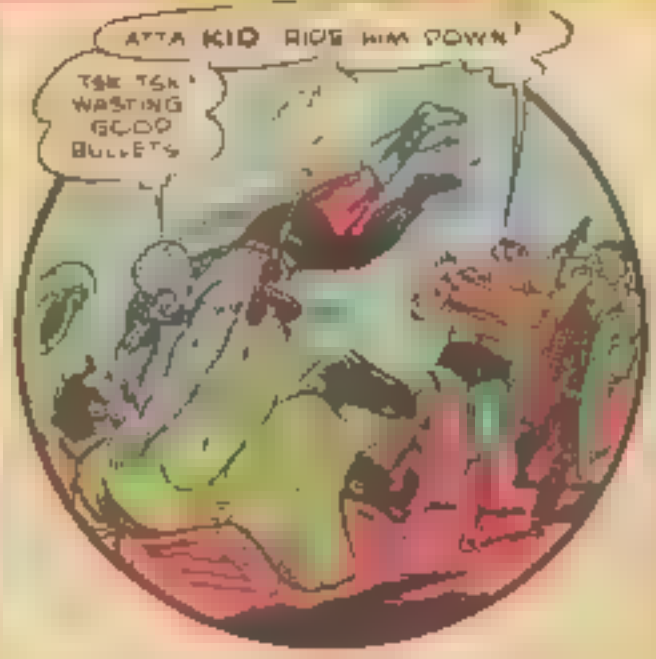
NO DYING MAN BUT YOU HAS EVER KNOCKED NAPOLEON DOWN AND YOU'LL NOT LIVE LONG!
LOOKS AS IF YOU'VE GOT ME!

BUT AS THE STAR-ROCKET RACER HOVERS ON SILENT BLADES BEHIND THE STATION
SOMETHING TELLS ME THE KID COULD USE A LITTLE HELP!

STRIPESY YOU'RE A PA


STAND BACK, GENTS! GIVE THE KID ROOM
UGHHH!

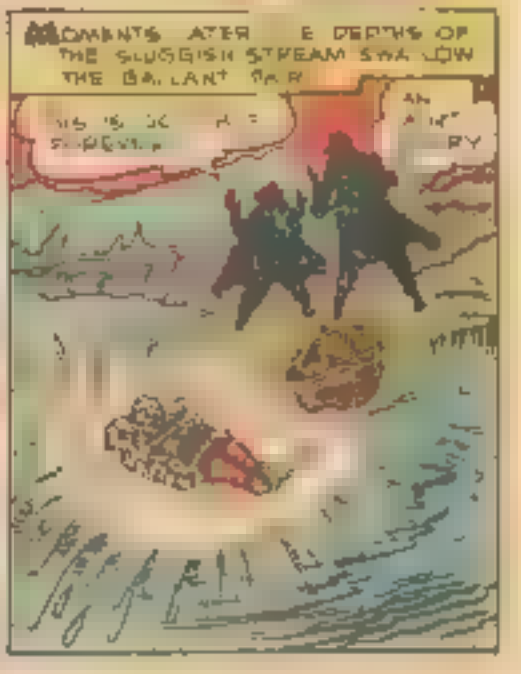
STICK 'EM UP BEFORE MOW YA DOWN
SIGNAL 44X, STRIPESY!
44X


ATTA KID RIDE HIM DOWN!
TSK TSK! WASTING GOOD BULLETS

IN
STRIPESY

AND AS THE KID TURNS FROM HIS VANQUISHED OPPONENT
YOU BEEN PLAY TOO HARD GONNA B TAKE A REST

BULLETS ARE TOO GOOD FOR THEM WEIGHT THEM WITH STONES AND DROWN THEM IN THE RIVER
BOSS I MEAN SIR YOU'RE A GUY AFTER MY HEART


MOMENTS AFTER THE DEPTHS OF THE SLUGGISH STREAM SWALLOW THE GALLANT PAIR

THE SHOCK OF COLD WATER REVIVES STRIPEY

WHA? I SEE WHY WE'RE DROWNING! IT'S CURTAINS SURE FOR THE KID AND ME UNLESS

STRAINING AS THEY HAVE NEVER STRAINED BEFORE THE BIG FELLOW'S POWER TO WHICH SEA PED BY THE WATERS IF FORCE HEM UPRIGHT

HIS LUNGS ACHING FOR OXYGEN HE STUMBLES FORWARD AGAINST THE WATER PRESSURE, AIDED BY THE SLOW CURRENT

CAN AS MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS

DREADFUL MINUTES PASS AND IN THE HOBO JUNGLE THE DOWN-AT-HEEL DUSTY DECIDES TO STRETCH HIS LEGS

I'M GONNA TAKE A LITTLE WALK HUH? HEY! SOMEBODY'S CAUGHT IN THE RAPIDS WE GOTTA SAVE EM

I'M COMIN WHEREABOUTS ARE THEY?

AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON, THE RESCUE IS ACCOMPLISHED

WHOEVER DOING THAT YOU'VE GOT FELLERS WAS A SNAKE

SHAVE'S RIGHT, FRIEND AND YOU AND YOUR BUDDY CAN HELP US CATCH HIM!

SWALLOWED ENOUGH WATER TO ACT ME A LIFE TIME!

BUT NOT EVEN HARDSHIPS, HUNGER AND RAGS HAVE ENTIRELY QUENCHED THE SPIRIT OF THE VAGABONDS

RIDE D. ME AN DUSTY AIN'T LOOKIN FOR NO TROUBLE

YOU SEE WE'RE HAS BEENS NOBODY WILL GIVE US WORK OR TRUST US CAUSE WE'RE DOWN ON OUR LUCK IF WE GET MIXED UP IN ANYTHING WE'RE SURE TO

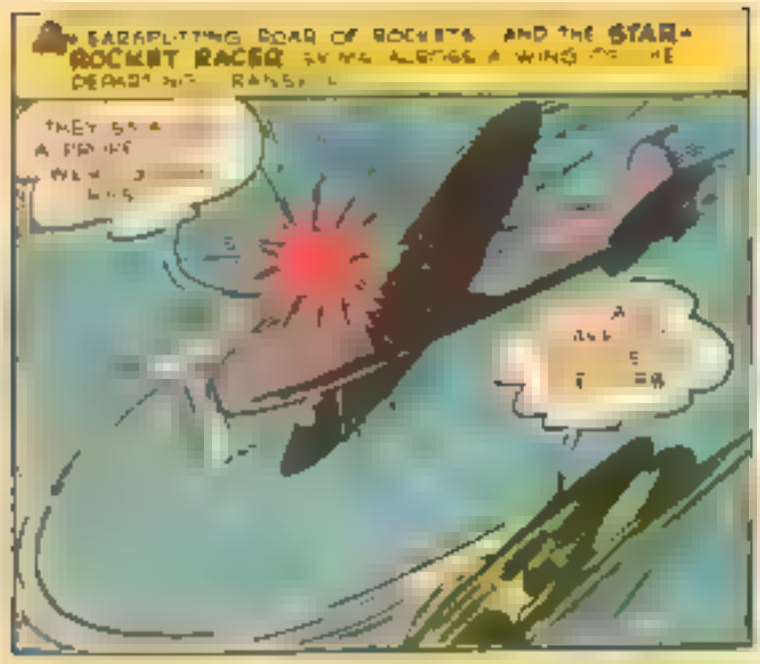
BUT A FOREMAN DICTATOR IS BOSSING THOSE COOCK AND

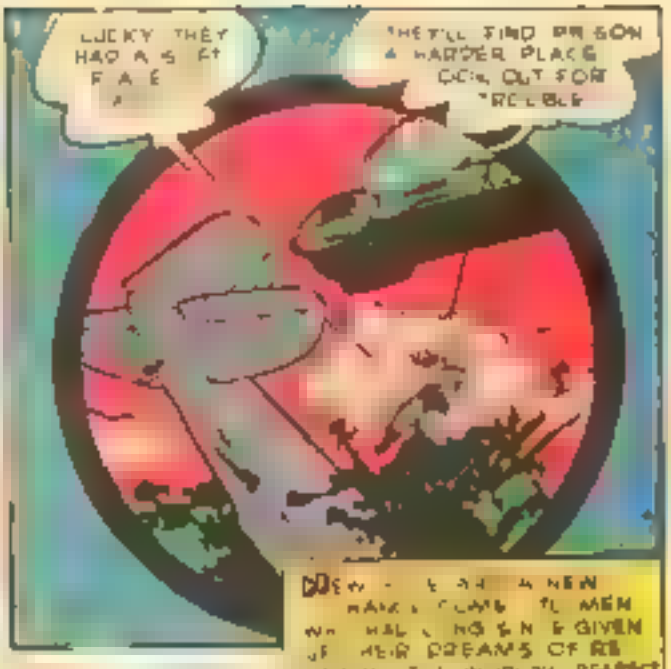
A DICTATOR THAT'S DIFFERENT EH DUSTY?

SAY THIS LEAD US TO HIM AN WE'LL FIGHT JAIL

HURRY KID-- THEY'RE TAKING OFF AND THEY'VE GOT THE GOLD!

SOMETHING TELLS ME DR. DOOMS IS OUT FOR A DISAPPOINTMENT


A SARAPLITTING ROAR OF ROCKETS AND THE STAR-ROCKET RACER SWING ALROSS A WING OF THE DEMON'S RANSOM
THEY SAW A PLANE


LUCKY THEY HAD A SAFE PLACE
THE'LL FIND PRISON A HARDER PLACE COME OUT FOR TROUBLE

THE FIGHT HAS BEEN SHAKEN OUT OF THE GANGSTERS HOWEVER

HE JUMPED AND RAN

A REWARD AND JOBS

BUT THE MARSHAL WITH THE AMBUSHER THROUGH HE IS COMES A BIG BEE SIPER LEACE IN THE TRACELESS WILDERNESS OF THE AMERICAN NORTH

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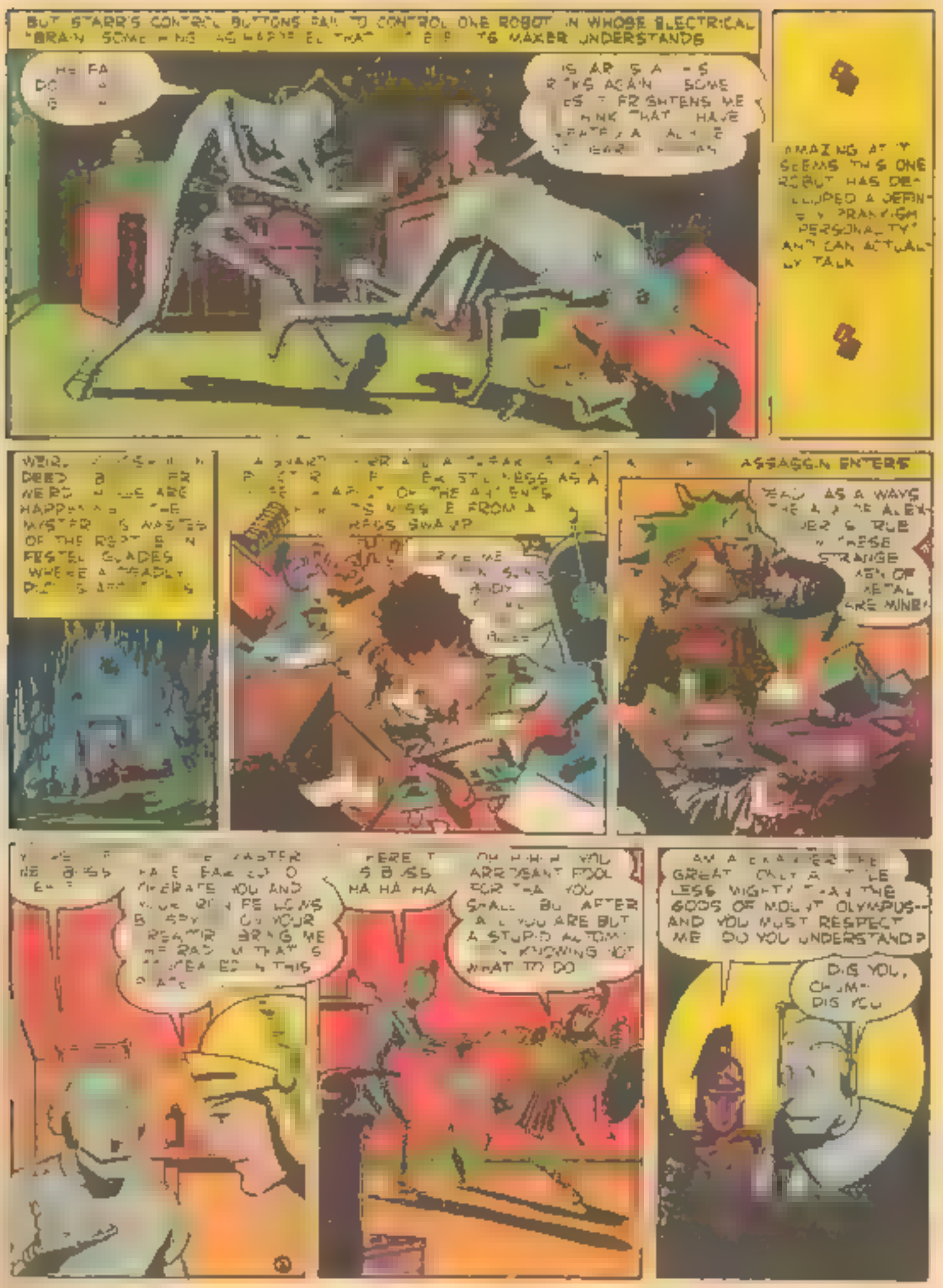
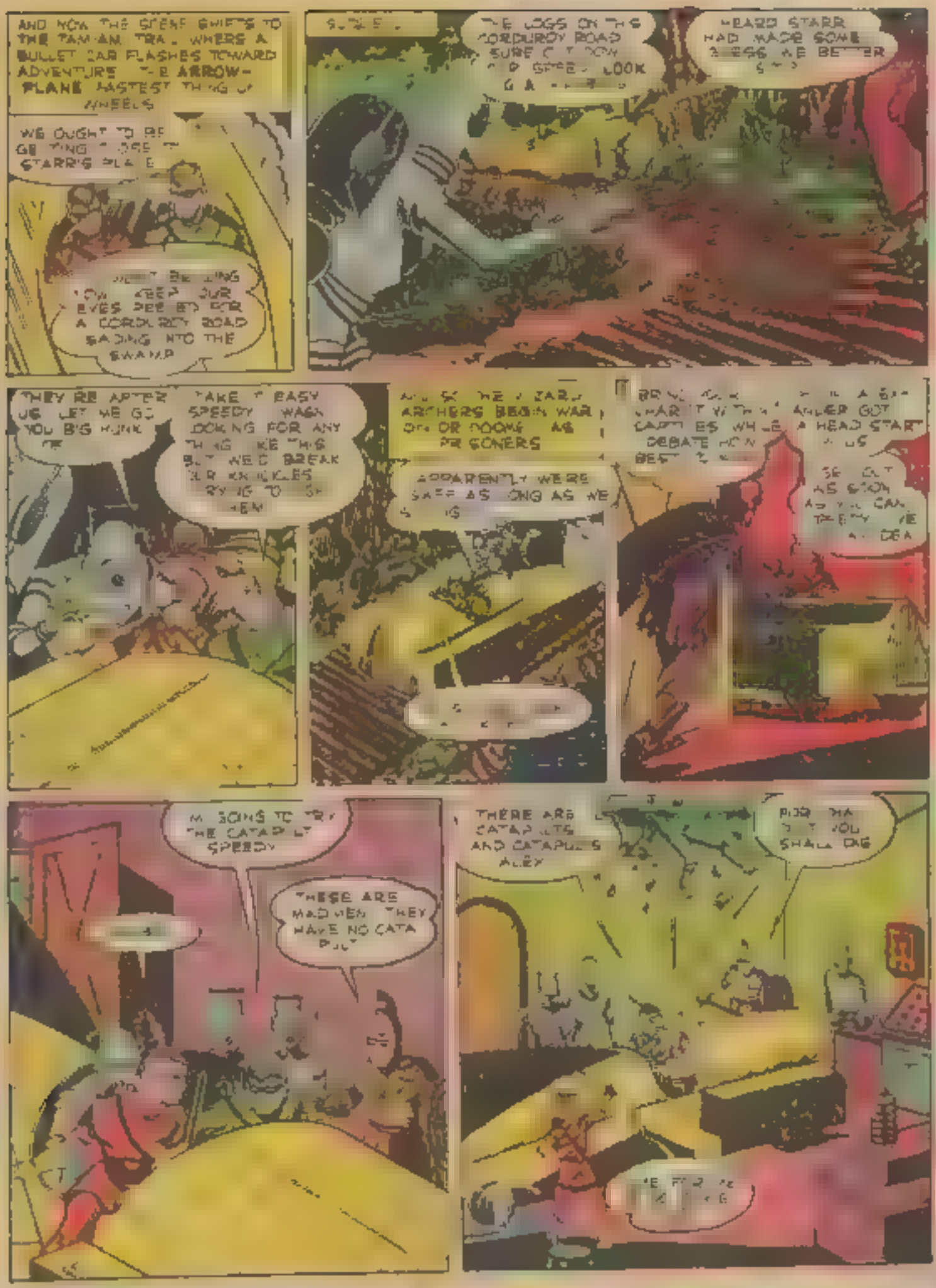

BUT STARR'S CONTROL BUTTONS FAIL TO CONTROL ONE ROBOT IN WHOSE ELECTRICAL "BRAIN" SOMETHING
AMAZING AT IT SEEMS THIS ONE ROBOT HAS DEVELOPED A DEFINITELY PRANKISH PERSONALITY AND CAN ACTUALLY TALK
ASSASSIN ENTERS
AS A WAYS THE ALIEN JER'S RUE THESE STRANGE ARMS OF METAL ARE MINE!
HERE'S BASS HA HA HA
OH HOW YOU ARE PLEASANT FOOL FOR TRY YOU SMALL BUG AFTER ALL YOU ARE BUT A STUPID AUTOMATON KNOWING NOT WHAT TO DO
AM A CRAFTER THE GREAT CRUTA THE LESS MIGHTY THAN THE GODS OF MOUNT OLYMPUS-- AND YOU MUST RESPECT ME DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
DIG YOU, CHUM- DIG YOU


AND NOW THE SCENE SHIFTS TO THE TAM-AM TRAIL WHERE A BULLET CAR FLASHES TOWARD ADVENTURE THE ARROW-PLANE FASTEST THING ON WHEELS
WE OUGHT TO BE GETTING CLOSE TO STARR'S PLANE
KEEP OUR EYES PEELED FOR A CORDUROY ROAD LEADING INTO THE SWAMP
THE LOGS ON THIS CORDUROY ROAD SURE CUT DOWN OUR SPEED. LOOK OUT
HEARD STARR HAD MADE SOME BLESS AE BETTER
THEY'RE AFTER US LET ME GO YOU BIG HUNK
TAKE IT EASY SPEEDY WAGA LOOKING FOR ANY THING LIKE THIS BUT WE'LL BREAK OUR KNUCKLES TRYING TO SMASH THEM
AND SO THE ZARJ ARCHERS BEGIN WAR ON OR DOOM AS PRISONERS
APPARENTLY WE'RE SAFE AS LONG AS WE
ANGLER GOT A HEAD START ON US
SEE OUT AS SOON AS YOU CAN TRETY ME A DEA
I'M GOING TO TRY THE CATAPULT SPEEDY
THESE ARE MADMEN THEY HAVE NO CATAPULT
THERE ARE CATAPULTS AND CATAPULTS ALEX
PIER MA YOU SHALL DIE

SWINGING ON AN ARROWLINE SPEEDY BECOMES A HUMAN CANNONBALL
HERE'S A SAMPLE OF WHAT HAPPENS TO KILLERS -- THEY GET ELECTROCUTED
JUPITER SAVE ME!
NO USE LETTING HIM SIZZLE THE SHOCK OUGHT TO KEEP HIM QUIET FOR AWHILE
HE'S OUT COLD
LOOK I'LL CAN OPERATE THE ROBOTS BUT CAN MAKE THEM DO ANYTHING WANT
BE CAREFUL AND KEEP AN EYE ON OUR PAL
THE RELEASE OF RADIUM POWER BRINGS THE UNPREDICTABLE OSCAR WADDLING FROM A CORNER
WHAT HAVE WE GOT ANOTHER BOSS? SHAKE STRANGER
A TALKING ROBOT
NO THANKS -- THAT HAND MAY BE A STEEL TRAP
TO SMART FOR ME OSCAR THE GREAT EH? FOLLOW ME AND I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING REALLY FUNNY
I'LL HUMOR HIM OKAY OSCAR
THERE ISN'T IT A FUNNY MUGGS? HO-HO HO
PRACTICAL JOKER ARE YOU? YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ROBOT EVER MADE WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR
YOU'RE TELLING ME NOT EVEN MY FIRST BOSS COULD DOPE ME OUT HE THOUGHT SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH MY WIRING BUT HE COULDN'T TELL WHAT
THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE YOU IF YOU DON'T PLAY TOO ROUGH

MEANWHILE, SPEEDY IS HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE

THAT'S RIGHT RONPANTS BOW DOWN TO MR. BRASSTOP

SO ENGROSSED IS THE LAD, HE DOES NOT NOTICE THAT ALEXANDER HAS EMERGED FROM A ELECTRICAL BLACKOUT...

SOON SHALL THESE RASH CREATURES RUE THE DAY THEY WERE BORN

IMAGINE A KID HAVING TIN SOLDIERS LIKE THESE TO PLAY WITH

A MOMENT LATER...

WOULD BEHEAD THEE - BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO MERCIFUL

AAAHHH HHH

AND AS THE MACEDONIAN CONQUEROR ONCE MORE ASSUMES CONTROL OF THE ROBOTS

WHAT'S THIS? SPEEDY'S HURT AND THE ROBOTS ARE AFTER ME

THEY'RE DUMB BUNNIES WATCH ME FOOL EM

HE'S A PAL BUT MY ARROWS AREN'T GOING TO DO ME MUCH GOOD RIGHT NOW

THEY HAVEN'T EVEN GOT SENSE ENOUGH TO GET OUT OF THE WAY

ANOTHER ARROW LINE SWEEPS THE WIZARD ARCHERS THROUGH THE AIR

LOOK OUT BOSS WIZARD IS REACHING FOR YOU

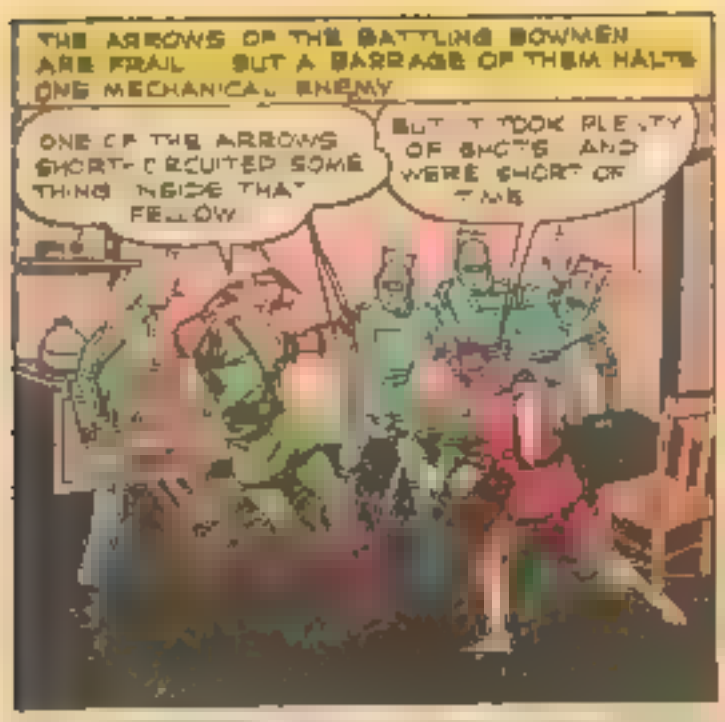
OUCH THIS IS HARD ON THE FEET

BUT WITH THREE FOURTHS OF HIS FOE VANQUISHED, HE IS YET UNDEFEATED...

NOT MUCH USE FIGHTING AGAINST THIS BABY GUESS ALEX WINS A ROUND

TOUGH LUCK NOW YOU AREN'T THE BOSS ANY LONGER - SO I'LL TODDLE ALONG AND SEE WHAT CAN DO FOR BIG SHOT ALEX

THE PLIGHT OF THE CRIME-CRUSHERS SEEMS HOPELESS
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HEAD
ALEX KNOCKED YOU OUT AND THE ROBOTS GOT US
AT LAST FOOLS HAVE DEVISED A FITTING DEATH FOR YOU
YOU SHALL BE TORN TO PIECES BY THE METAL MEN THEN I SHALL REIGN OR DOOME WITH THEM AND THE RADIUM AND THE WORLD AND ITS RICHES SHALL BE OURS
PLENTY OF FUN, SIR BOSS & EX?
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT FOR NOT WATCHING HIM
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF KID SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON MY TOES
WHAT NOW CLOWN?
HOLD ON A MINUTE, BOSS
JUST WANTED TO SEE IF YOU'D TAKE ORDERS FROM ME FOR A CHANGE HAW HAW HAW
NGULEY JOSTAR -- SHALL SINCE YOU PIZZ EM
ALEXANDER'S CLOWN RAGE PROVES HIS OWN UNDOING...
NO SENSE OF HUMOR WHAT A PIT
I STRUCK WITHOUT THINKING FORGOT THAT THESE CONTROLS HAVE A DIFFERENT EFFECT UPON YOU THAN THE OTHERS
MAYBE IT WOULD BE FUN IF I CUT THESE ROPES
YES, OSCAR-YES
NO OSCAR-NO
HOW WE'LL PLAY SOME JOKES ON ALEX EH OSCAR?
MUST CAUSE THE ROBOTS TO DESTROY THEM ALL-INCLUDING THE CLOWN

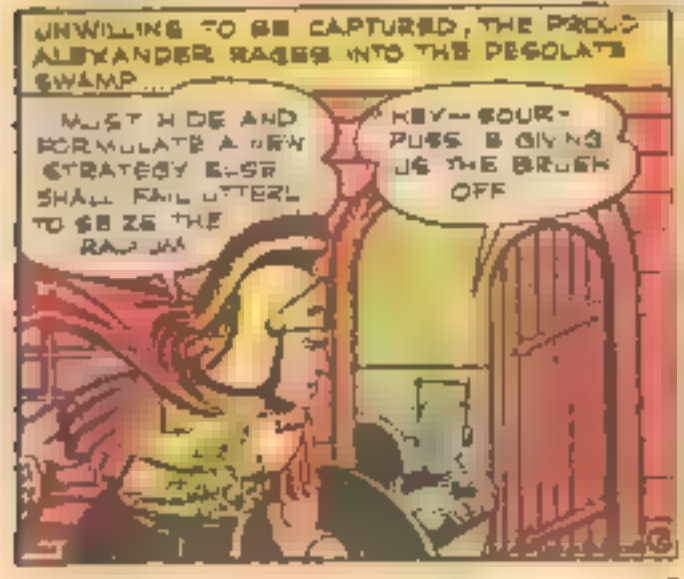

THE ARROWS OF THE BATTLING BOWMEN ARE FRAIL BUT A BARRAGE OF THEM HALTS ONE MECHANICAL ENEMY
ONE OF THE ARROWS SHORT-CIRCUITED SOME THING INSIDE THAT FELLOW
BUT IT TOOK PLENTY OF SHOTS AND WERE SHORT OF TIME

NO FLAMES OR SMOKE BUT THINGS ARE GETTING PRETTY HOT!
FOR GIRLS ONLY

THIS IS A SURER WAY OF SHORT CIRCUITING ELECTRICAL APPARATUS!

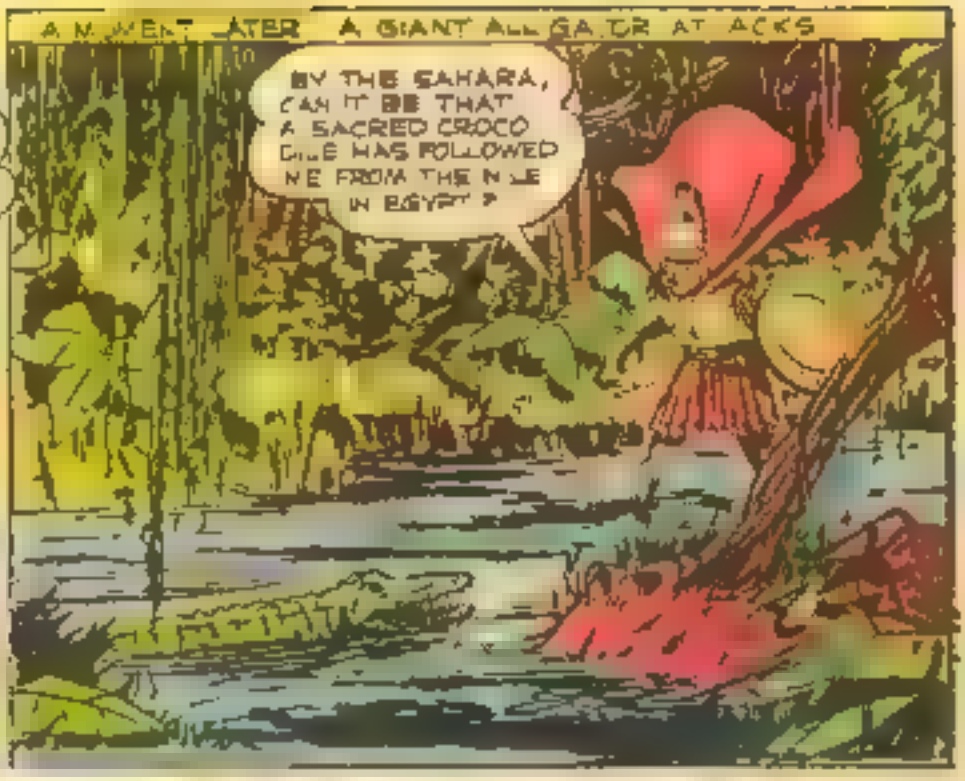
THAT SUPPLIED THE SMOKE NOW I SUPPLY THE FLAME

FIRE AND WATER DEFEAT THE MECHANICAL MONSTERS..
WE COULD GET RID OF THE HUNDRED OF 'EM THIS WAY!
THEY'D NEVER BE ANY GOOD FOR WAR UNLESS THEY WERE WATER-PROOFED AND FIRE-PROOFED


UNWILLING TO BE CAPTURED, THE PROUD ALEXANDER RAGES INTO THE DESOLATE SWAMP...
MUST I DIE AND FORMULATE A NEW STRATEGY ELSE SHALL FAIL UTTERLY TO SEIZE THE RANSOM
HEY—SOUR-PUSS! I'M GIVING US THE BRUSH OFF

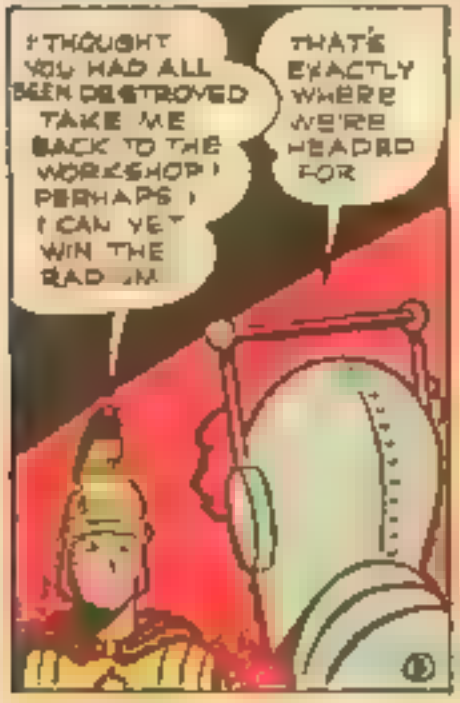
A SERPENT THAT MAKES A BUZZING SOUND BUT IS POISONOUS I AM A DEAD MAN!

ABRUPTLY
JUPITER MUST HAVE SENT THAT ARROW IT'S PROOF THAT I AM HELD IN FAVOR BY THE GODS OF VICTORY


A MOMENT LATER A GIANT ALLIGATOR ATTACKS
BY THE SAHARA, CAN IT BE THAT A SACRED CROCODILE HAS FOLLOWED ME FROM THE NILE IN EGYPT?

ANOTHER GOOD OMEN--

WAIT, ALEXANDER YOU DON'T WANT TO GET LOST DO YOU?
ANOTHER ROBOT WITH SPEECH! HE SEEMS FRIENDLY ENOUGH AND EVEN AN UNFRIENDLY ROBOT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO THESE SWAMP MONSTERS


I THOUGHT YOU HAD ALL BEEN DESTROYED TAKE ME BACK TO THE WORKSHOP! PERHAPS I CAN YET WIN THE RADIUM
THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE HEADED FOR

LET ME GET AT THE CONTROL BUTTONS I SHALL BE MASTER AGAIN
WHERE HAVE THE ARCHERS GONE?
NOT FAR

AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY'RE RIGHT HERE!
WOW! WHAT A JOKE!
THEN THEY WERE YOUR ARROWS THAT SAVED ME - NOT THOSE OF JUPITER! AND IN THE END HAVE LOST!

The GREEN ARROW hits the mark every month in MORE FUN COMICS

THE
SHINING KNIGHT
Chapter III
"THE MAN WHO TOLD A FISH STORY"!

CLOSING TIME AT THE MUNICIPAL MUSEUM. AND A YOUNG MAN CAUTIOUSLY LIFTS A SUIT OF PRICELESS GOLDEN ARMOR FROM A DISPLA
JUST IN WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I WAS ABOUT TO REQUEST LEAVE FROM MY CUTIES OR MORESBY THE SHINING KNIGHT HAS ACCEPTED A NEW CHALLENGE
GRANTED. MY BOY AND LUCK TO YOU
THE SWORD OF SHARPNESS AND THE LANCE OF LIGHTNING. TEMPERED BY THE MAGIC OF MIGHTY MERLIN FLASH IN THE YOUNG MAN'S HANDS
FORSOOTH THE FEEL OF THESE GOOD WEAPONS MAKES MY BLOOD RAGE AS IN THE DAYS AT THE COURT OF ARTHUR!
LASTLY HE STRAPS SADDLE AND
UPON HIS MAGNIFICENT MANGE
PATIENCE WINGED VICTORY SIGN ME SHALL KNOW THE
TABLE KNIGHTS
TO THE
FALCONS HAVE NEVER SEEN A BIRD AS LARGE AS HER
FROZE FOR
EARS IN A GLACIER HE
BY TO STRIKE WITH THE WEAPONS OF CHIVALRY AGAINST INJUSTICE!
HOW MANY? I MEAN BAY YOU'RE THE SHINING KNIGHT
RIGHT FRIEND I SEEK A LAND CALLED ALASKA
NORTHWARD AND WESTWARD HE SAID
THE SHINING KNIGHT!
NORTHWARD AND WESTWARD THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM THE BEGINNING OF OUR STORY THE LITTLE TOWN OF
NESTLES BESIDE THE SEA
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ON THE PORCH OF JACKPOT'S GENERAL STORE LOAFERS ENJOY AN OLD JOKE AT THE EXPENSE OF A LUCKLESS FISHERMAN

HAW HAW! HERE'S BILL BATES BACK FROM FISHIN' WITHOUT A THING TO SHOW FOR IT

JUST THE SAME I NEARLY CAUGHT ONE THAT BIG

OWN UP NOW BATES, YOU NEVER CAUGHT NOTHIN BIGGER N A MINNOW IN YOUR LIFE DID YOU?

SMARTING UNDER THE LASH OF RIDICULE, BATES MAKES A RASH OFFER

STEVE STURGIS I'LL BET YA A HUNDRED DOLLARS I CATCH THE BIGGEST FISH YOU EVER SAW BEFORE THIS TIME TOMORROW

YOU HEARD HIM FELLAS! I'M GONNA TAKE HIM UP ON THAT

AHA, A WAGER

THE BIGGEST FISH I EVER SAW WAS A WHALE HA HA HA

A WHALE! THAT AIN'T FAR YOU'RE CHEATIN ME

NO HE AIN'T BATES A FISH IS A FISH AND A BET IS A BET AND YOU'RE A CHUMP HAW HAW

FORGIVE MY INTRUSION! THE OTHERS ARE RIGHT FISHERMAN YOU HAVE MADE A WAGER AND YOU MUST STAND BY IT

WHOEVER HE'S HE'S ON MY SIDE.. SO HE'S OKAY

MINE? WHO ARE YOU

WHY DIDN'T I KEEP MY BIG MOUTH SHUT? THEY KNOW I CAN'T CATCH ANY WHALE

STRICTLY SPEAKING A WHALE IS A MAMMAL NOT A FISH. BUT SINCE THEY CHOOSE TO REGARD IT AS A FISH LET US SEE IF ONE DOES NOT COME ALONG!

YOU MEAN YOU THINK MAYBE I CAN WIN THE BET?

I HAVE OFTEN SEEN FORTUNE FROWN ON TRICKSTERS LIKE THOSE MEN! AND IT MAY BE I CAN HELP YOU!

FIRST I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF A CERTAIN SHIPMENT OF PLATINUM. I HAVE INFORMATION THAT THIEVES ARE AFTER IT

PLATINUM! THERE'S CLOSE TO A MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH DOWN ON THE DOCK WAITIN' FOR A SHIP TO SEATTLE

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, A RAKISH, SMALL BOAT BEARS FIERCE GENGHIS KHAN AND HIS TARTAR WARRIORS TOWARD ONE OF THE DOCKS
IF THE GUARDS RESIST SHOOT TO KILL
SOUNDS ME
GUARDS ON THE DOCK EYE THE APPROACHING CRAFT WITHOUT SUSPICION
LOOK ICE HERE COME SOME FISHER MEN DRESSED FUNNY OTHES
SPEAKING OF FISHING I'D RATHER BE DOING THAT RIGHT NOW THAN GUARDING ALL THIS PLATINUM
YOU CAN'T TELL TO THIS DUCK STRANGER WE'VE GOT VALUABLES UNDER GUARD HERE
I'M GONNA TAKE OVER THE JOB OF GUARDIN' EM CHUM
AAAHH...
A HOLDUP
HOLDUP NOTHIN' TO A MASSACRE
THIS WON'T HURT FOR LONG
WHAT A HALL CHOPPER IF ONLY YOU AND ME COULD KEEP IT
DON'T GET A CLEAR STONEY WE'RE BEST PAID PENTS BY DR TOOME
ONLY TWO OF 'EM THIS IS PRE SWEET
WE SHALL REACH THE ICEBERG BEFORE ANY ONE CAN PURSUE AND THEN WE SHALL BE SAFE
IT'S A PIPE ALL WE GOTTA DO IS LAY AROUND ON THE YACHT TILL IT'S DARK AN THEN HEAD FOR HOME
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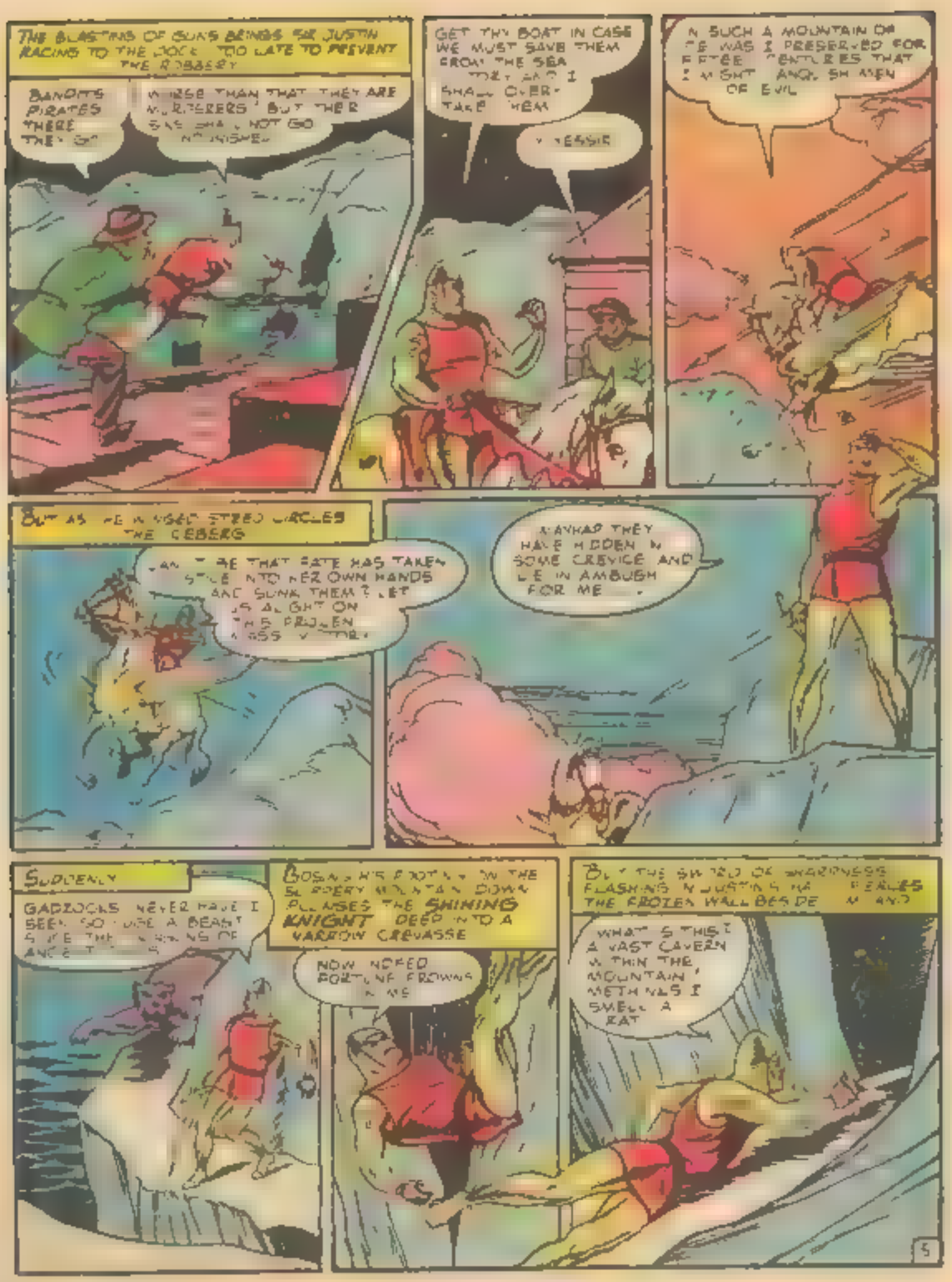
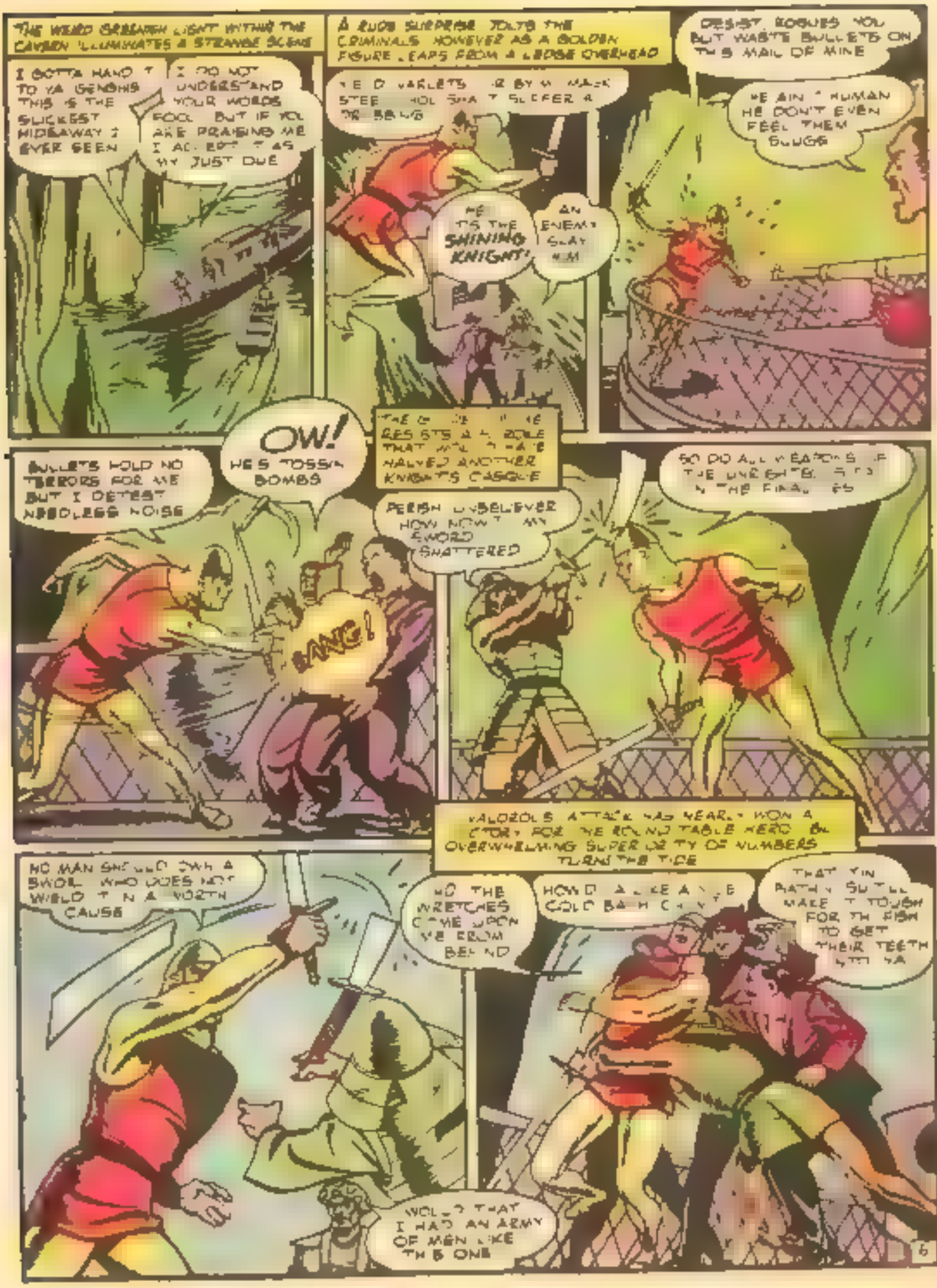

THE BLASTING OF SUN'S BEINGS SIR JUSTIN RACING TO THE DOCK TOO LATE TO PREVENT THE ROBBERY
BANDITS PIRATES THERE THEY GO
WORSE THAN THAT THEY ARE MURDERERS BUT THEIR SINS SHALL NOT GO UNPUNISHED
GET THY BOAT IN CASE WE MUST SAVE THEM FROM THE SEA
I SHALL OVERTAKE THEM
YESSIR
IN SUCH A MOUNTAIN OF ICE WAS I PRESERVED FOR FIFTEEN CENTURIES THAT I MIGHT ANGLE SH MEN OF EVIL
BUT AS HE INVISED STRED CIRCLES THE ICEBERG
CAN IT BE THAT FATE HAS TAKEN SPITE INTO HER OWN HANDS AND SUNK THEM? LET US ALIGHT ON THE FROZEN MASS YONDER
MAYHAP THEY HAVE HIDDEN IN SOME CREVICE AND LIE IN AMBUSH FOR ME
SUDDENLY
GADZOOKS NEVER HAVE I SEEN SO FIERCE A BEAST SINCE THE DAYS OF ANCIENT ROME
BOSANQUET FOOTING ON THE SLIPPERY MOUNTAIN DOWN PLUNGES THE SHINING KNIGHT DEEP INTO A NARROW CREVASSE
NOW INDEED FORTUNE FROWNS ON ME
BY THE SWORD OF WARRINESS FLASHING IN JUSTIN'S HAND PEERLES THE FROZEN WALL BESIDE HIM AND
WHAT IS THIS? A VAST CAVERN WITHIN THE MOUNTAIN, METHINKS I SMELL A RAT


THE WEIRD GREENISH LIGHT WITHIN THE CAVERN ILLUMINATES A STRANGE SCENE
I GOTTA HAND IT TO YA GENGHIS THIS IS THE SLICKEST HIDEAWAY I EVER SEEN
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR WORDS FOOL BUT IF YOU ARE PRAISING ME I ACCEPT IT AS MY JUST DUE
A RUDE SURPRISE JOLTS THE CRIMINALS HOWEVER AS A GOLDEN FIGURE LEAPS FROM A LEDGE OVERHEAD
HE IS THE SHINING KNIGHT!
AN ENEMY SLAY HIM
DESIST, ROGUES YOU BUT WASTE BULLETS ON THIS MAIL OF MINE
HE AIN'T HUMAN HE DON'T EVEN FEEL THEM SLUGS
OW! HE'S TOSSIN BOMBS
BULLETS HOLD NO TERRORS FOR ME BUT I DETEST NEEDLESS NOISE
BANG!
PERISH UNBELIEVER HOW NOW MY SWORD SHATTERED
SO DO ALL WEATHERS OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS IN THE FINAL ERA
VALOROUS ATTACK HAS NEARLY WON A VICTORY FOR THE ROUND TABLE HERO BY OVERWHELMING SUPERIORITY OF NUMBERS TURNS THE TIDE
NO MAN SHOULD OWN A SWORD WHO DOES NOT WIELD IT IN A WORTHY CAUSE
NO THE WRETCHES COME UPON US FROM BEHIND
HOW'D A LIKE A NICE COLD BATH CHUM
THAT'S IN PATHS SUTTLE MAKE IT TOUGH FOR THE FISH TO GET THEIR TEETH INTO YA
WOULD THAT I HAD AN ARMY OF MEN LIKE THIS ONE
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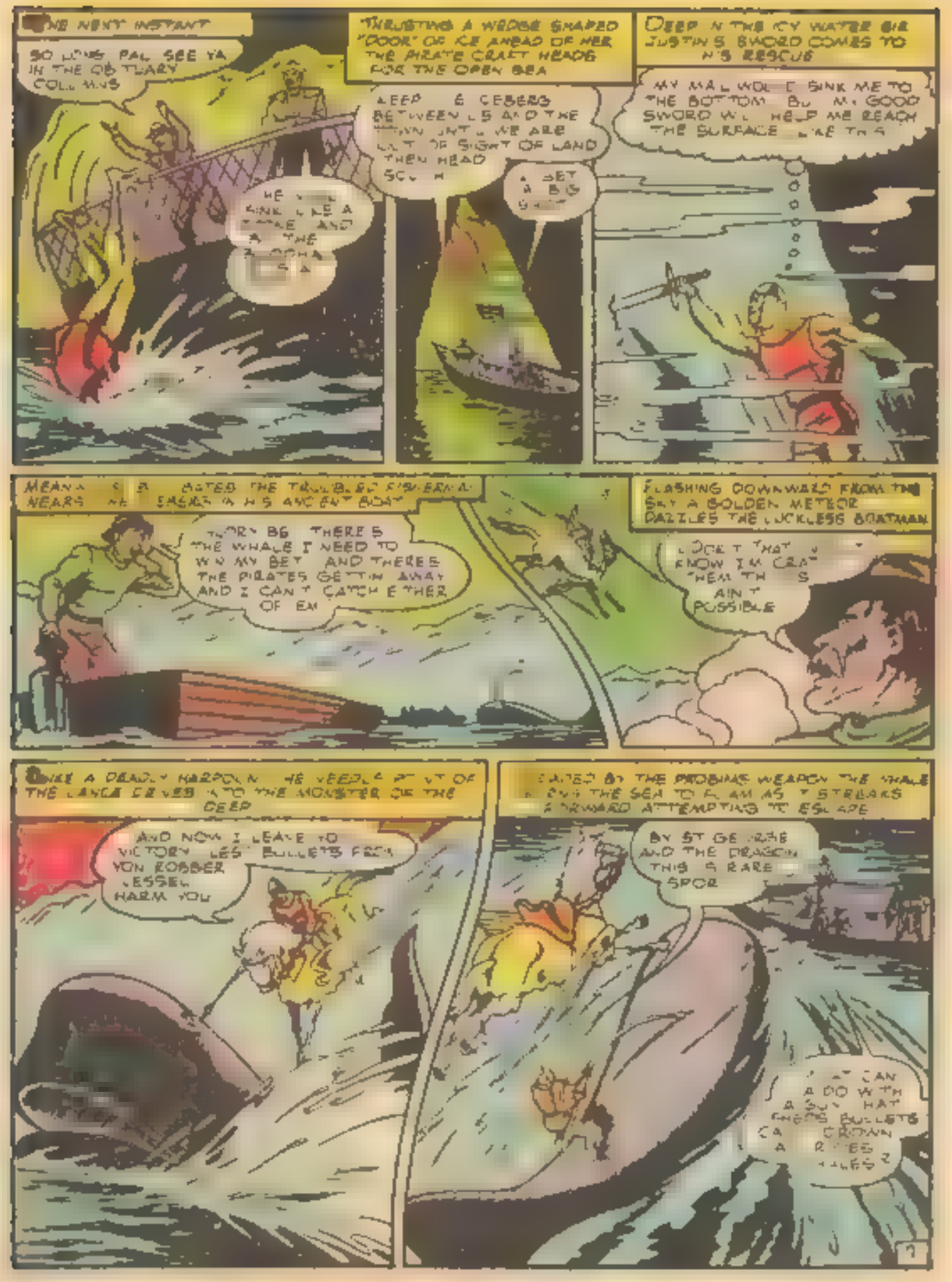
THE NEXT INSTANT
SO LONG PAL SEE YA IN THE OBITUARY COLUMNS
THRUSTING A WEDGE SHAPED "DOOR" OF ICE AHEAD OF HER THE PIRATE CRAFT HEADS FOR THE OPEN SEA
DEEP IN THE ICY WATER SIR JUSTIN'S SWORD COMES TO HIS RESCUE
MY MAIL WOULD SINK ME TO THE BOTTOM BUT MY GOOD SWORD WILL HELP ME REACH THE SURFACE LIKE THIS
BET A BIG
MEANWHILE ACTED THE TROUBLED FISHERMAN NEARS HIS EAGER IN HIS ANCIENT BOAT
THOSE BIG THERE'S THE WHALE I NEED TO WIN MY BET AND THERE'S THE PIRATES GETTIN AWAY AND I CAN'T CATCH EITHER OF EM
FLASHING DOWNWARD FROM THE SKY A GOLDEN METEOR DAZZLES THE LUCKLESS BOATMAN
LOOK IT THAT I KNOW I'M CRAZY THEM THINGS AIN'T POSSIBLE
LIKE A DEADLY HARPOON THE NEEDLE POINT OF THE LANCE DRIVES INTO THE MONSTER OF THE DEEP
AND NOW I LEAVE TO VICTORY LESS BULLETS FROM YON ROBBER VESSEL HARM YOU
ENRAGED BY THE PIERCING WEAPON THE WHALE DIVES THE SEA TO FOAM AS IT STREAKS FORWARD ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE
BY ST GEORGE AND THE DRAGON THIS IS RARE SPORT
WHAT CAN A DOG WITH A SUCK HAT CHEESE BULLETS CAN CROWN A RIFLES 2
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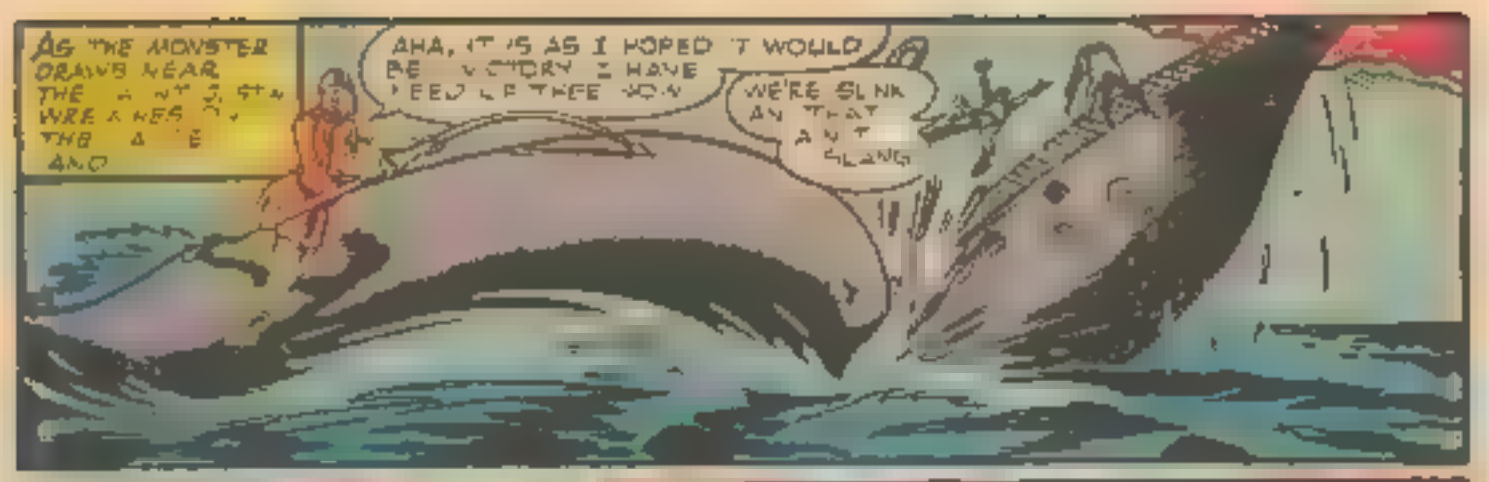
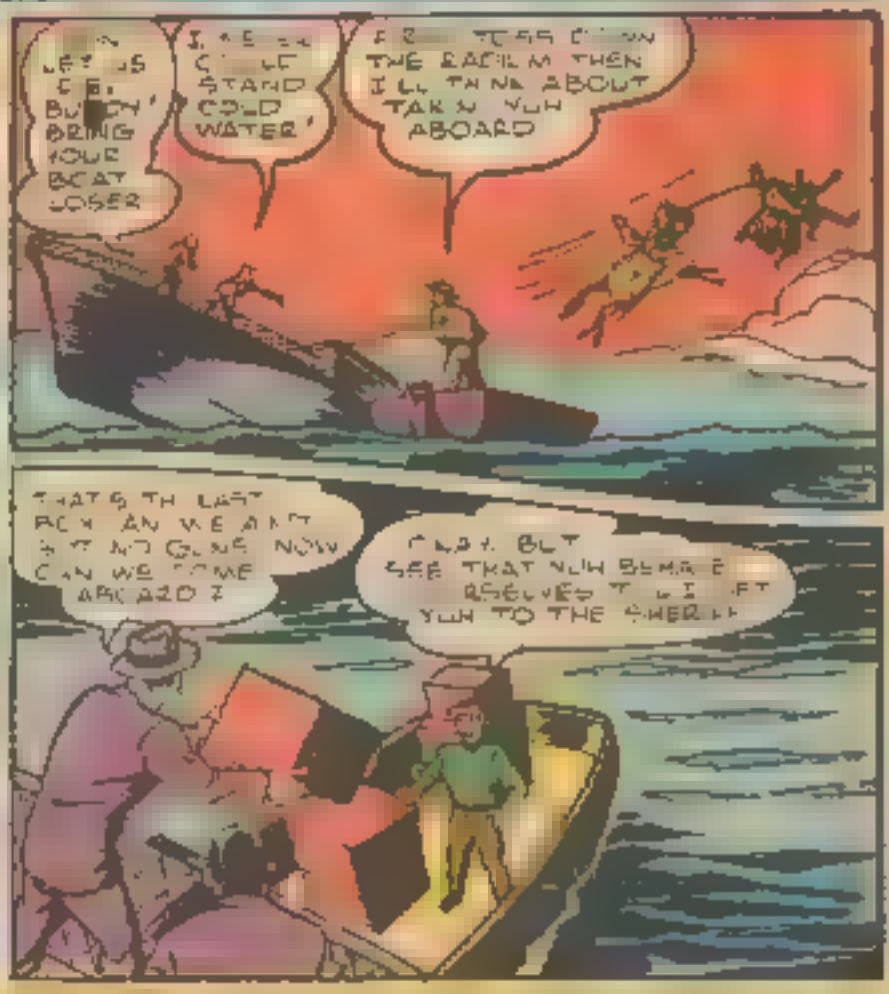
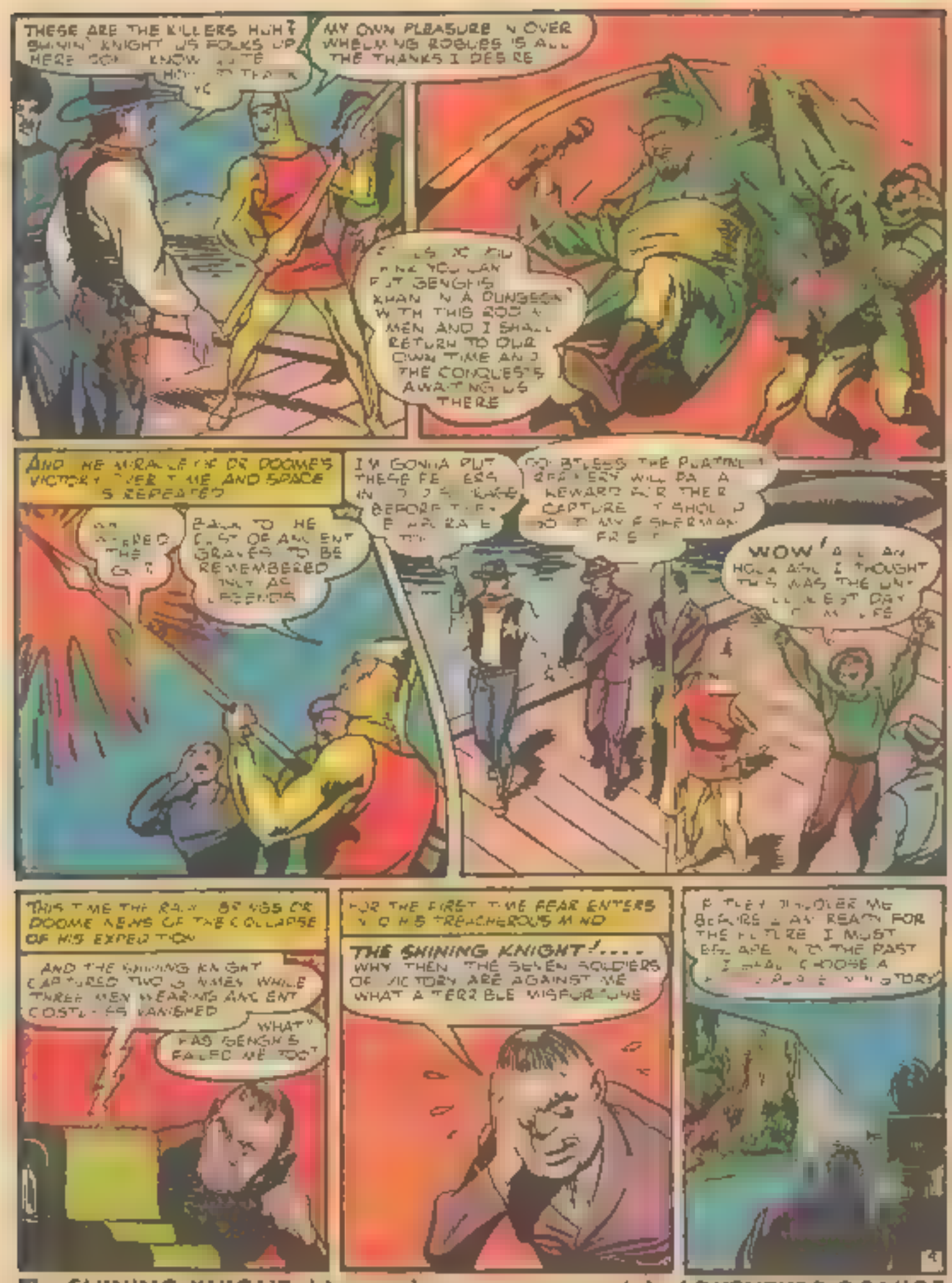

AS THE MONSTER DRAWS NEAR THE
AHA, IT IS AS I HOPED IT WOULD BE VICTORY I HAVE
WE'RE SINK AN THAT ANT SLANG

WHAT WOULD YOU SAVE ME KNIGHT?
I GOT MY WHALE I MEAN WE DID IT'S IN ITS DEATH STRUGGLES

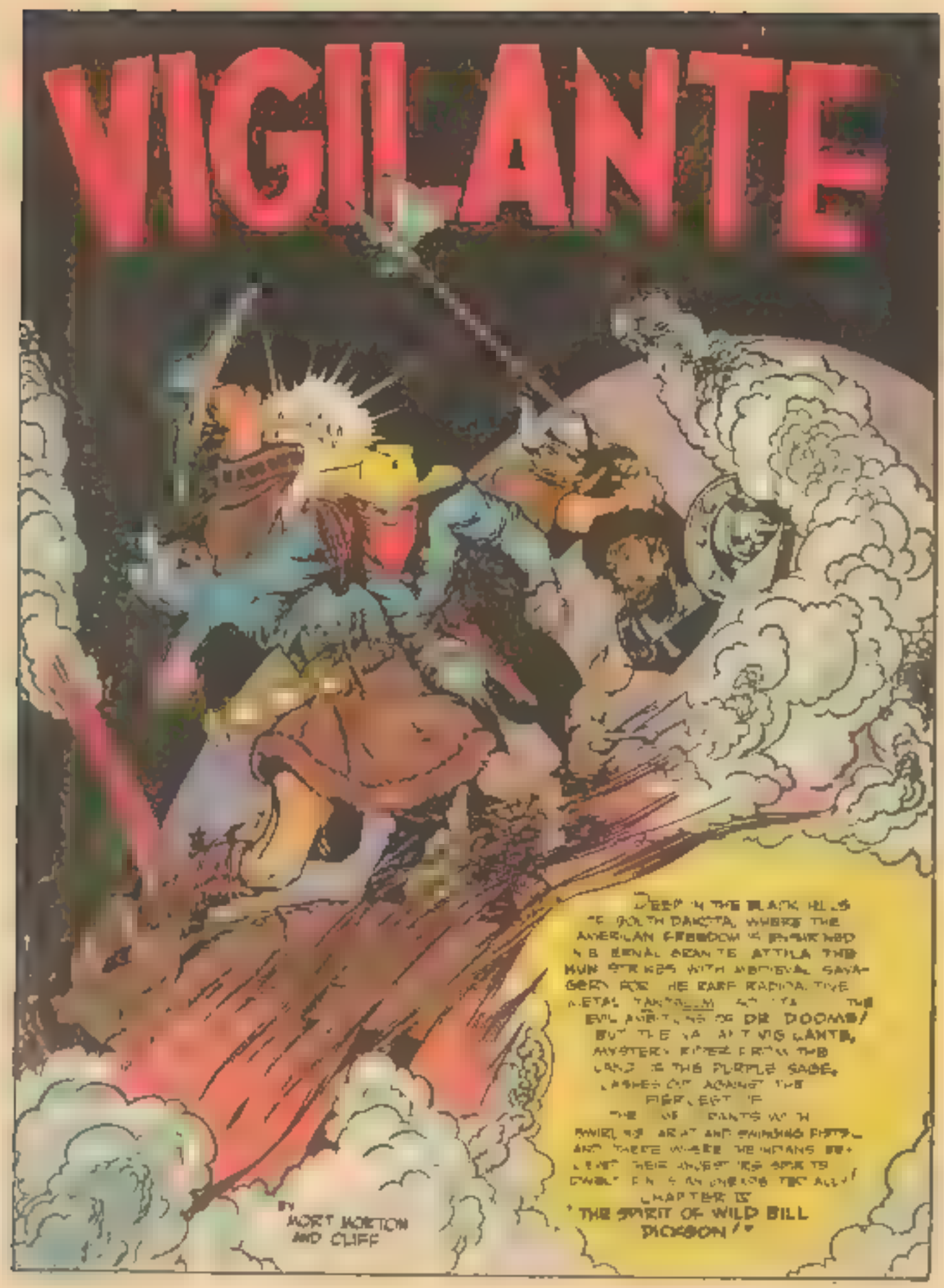

LETS US GET BUTCH' BRING YOUR BOAT LOSER
I'LL STAND COLD WATER'
THE BARRIER THEN I'LL TURN ABOUT TAKIN YUH ABOARD
THAT'S TH LAST BOW AN WE ANT IT NO GONE NOW CAN WE COME ABOARD?
OKAY. BUT SEE THAT YUH BEHAVE RESCUED TO GET YUH TO THE SHERIFF

THE FISHERMAN'S TRIUMPH IS
THIS IS LIKE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY STURGIS, WHERE'S THAT HUNDRED DOLLARS?
I TRUST THE TAR
MAN ALIVE WHAT STEAK STURGIS! SEE BUT LIKE TOADFROGS
WHY DIDN'T YOU PICKET FLORIDA TO GET PINCHED IN?
YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF IT THAT JAY BATES HAS CAUGHT HIS WHALE AN YOU'VE LOST FAIR AN SQUARE

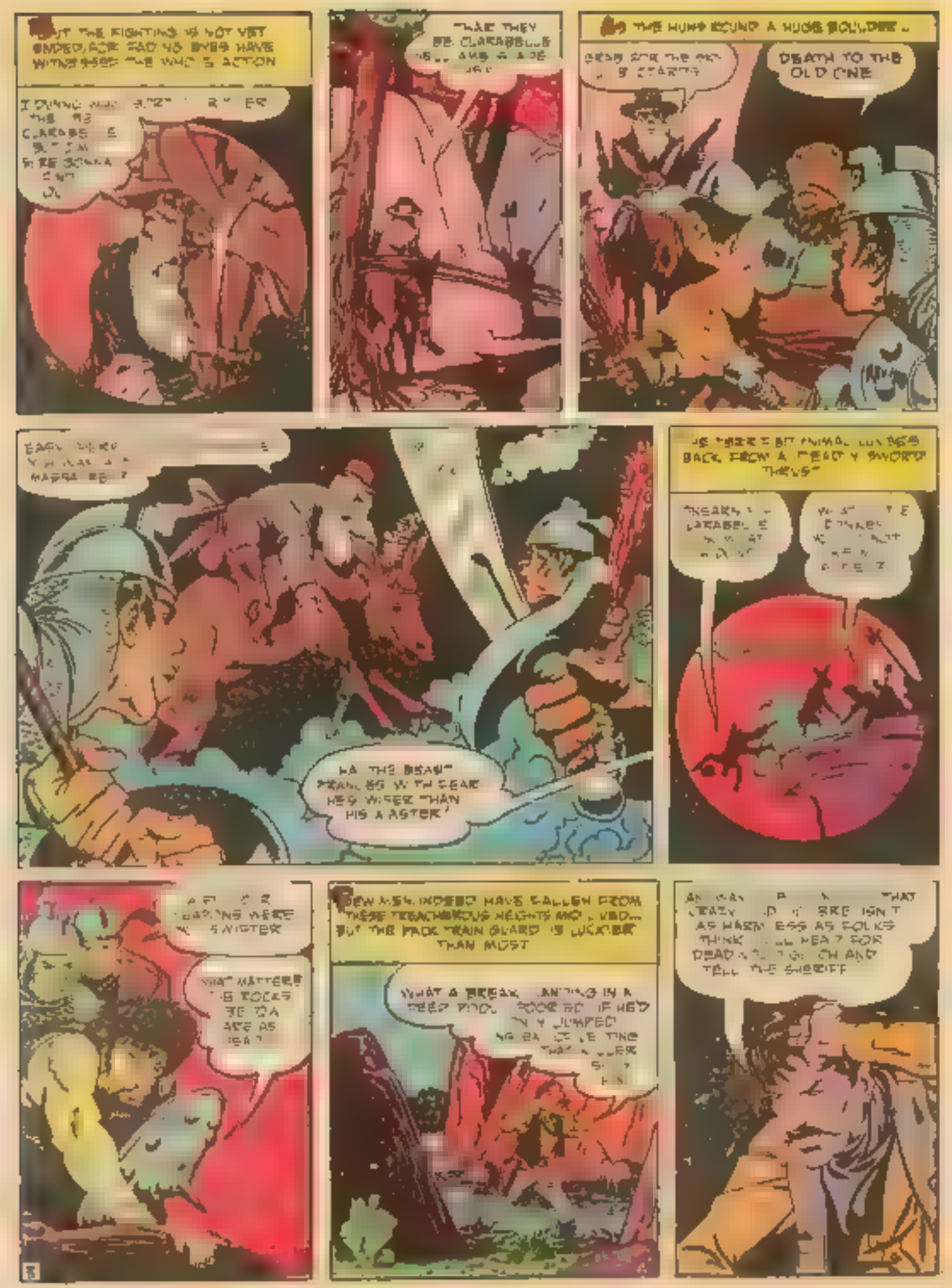


The SHINING KNIGHT rides to victory every month in ADVENTURE COMICS

VIGILANTE


DEEP IN THE BLACK HILLS
OF SOUTH DAKOTA, WHERE THE
AMERICAN FREEDOM IS ENSHRINED
IN BRONZE GRANITE, ATTILA THE
HUN STRIKES WITH MEDIEVAL SAVA-
GERY FOR THE RARE RADIOACTIVE
METAL TANTALUM, AND IT IS THE
EVIL ENDEAVORS OF DR. DOOM!
BUT THE VIGILANTE,
MYSTERY RIDER FROM THE
LAND OF THE PURPLE SAGE,
LASHES OUT AGAINST THE
FIERCEST OF
THE
PAINTS WITH
PANIC HIS GREAT AND GAPING PISTOL
AND THERE WHERE THE INDIANS BEF
LENT THEIR ANCESTRAL SPIRITS TO
DWELL ON SAN ONOFRE TRAIL!
CHAPTER IX
"THE SPIRIT OF WILD BILL
DICKSON!"
BY
MORT MORTON
AND CLIFF

Suddenly
DEATH TO THEM
DIE, WEAKLING
WHY YOU ROTTEN MURDERERS.


BUT THE FIGHTING IS NOT YET ENDED, FOR TAD NO BYER HAVE WITNESSED THE WHO'S ACTION
THAT THEY BE CLARABELLE
THE HUNT ROUND A HUGE BOULDER ..
DEATH TO THE OLD ONE
HA THE BEAST PRANCES WITH GEAR HES WISER THAN HIS A ASTER
BEN ASSIN INDEED HAVE FALLEN FROM THESE TREACHEROUS HEIGHTS AND LIVED... BUT THE PACK TRAIN GUARD IS LUCKIER THAN MOST
WHAT A BREAK LANDING IN A DEEP POOL
THAT CRAZY
AS HARMLESS AS FOLKS THINK
DEAD
TELL THE SHERIFF

THE WESTERN UNITED DISCHARGES PASSENGERS AT THE HISTORIC TOWN OF DEADWOOD GULCH...

NOW ME BILL GUNN OF THE SQUARE YOU'RE REALLY AT WEST W. D. BILL TO KEEP JOBS TO BE SHERIFF HERE

GREAT GILA MONSTERS IT'S BETTER'N A COWBOY MAGAZINE

HES THE VIGILANTE!

THE NEWCOMERS JOIN AN EXCITED GATHERING

AND THE OLD BOY MUST HAVE SIGNALED BECAUSE A MINUTE LATER THE GANG JUMPED US AND KILLED SO

ON THE UPPER TRAIL EH? I'LL RUNNER A POSSE

LONG ARM OF THE LAW IS AT LA BEAT US TO THE PUNCH

HEY, AIN'T WE GONNA GET RECRUITED INTO THE POSSE?

HAY-BURNERS ARE TOO SLOW FOR US. WE'RE GOT A GAS EATING BRONC ALONG TO RIDE DOWN AT THE DEPOT

MINUTES LATER

DON'T SAY NOTHIN' IF WE SMASH UP I'D RATHER HANG TO COWS AS A SUPERTRAIN!

COMPARED TO A BRONC THIS IS A ROCKING CHAIR

MOCK VIGILANTE! AIN'T THAT A BURRO

IT IS AND IT SEEMS PLENTY INTERESTED IN SOMETHING DOWN THERE

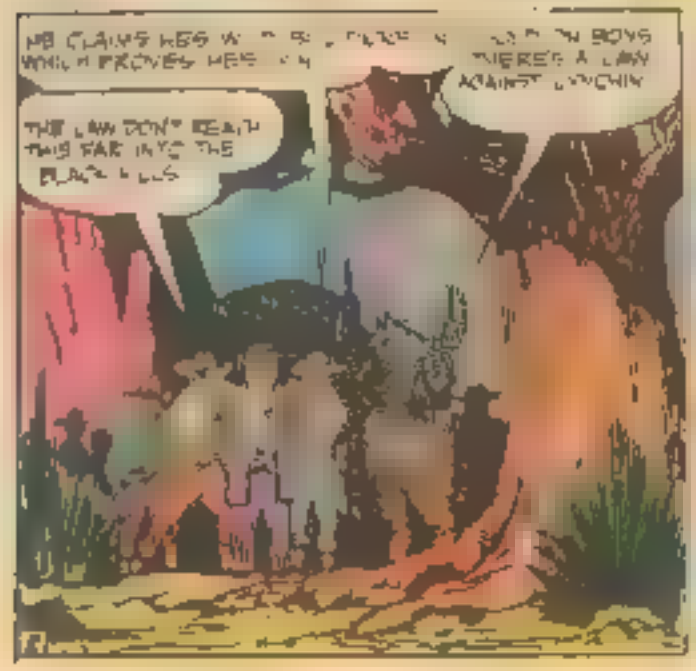
IF YOU AIN'T PARTNERS O' THEM VULTURES THAT ROBBED THE PACK TRAIN GET ME UP OUTA HERE BEFORE THE BUZZARDS WORK UP AN APPETITE

THE BUZZARDS ARE GOING TO BE HUNGRY WHEN THEY GET HERE

THE LAWMAN'S ARMS SNAKES DOWNWARD AND IN A MATTER OF SECONDS

NOW YOU'RE SAFE

YOU'RE SURE HANDY AT ROPIN' STRANGERS YEH SAVED MY LIFE AN' I'D BLOW IT BACK THANKS YEH



THIS FRAY BEARD WHO WEARS THE NAME OF A LONG DEAD HERO AND FIGHT FEARLESSLY AGAINST HEBB TO LINE ARMS WITH THE MEMBER OF THE MOUNTAIN INDIAN AND AN INJUST DEATH? WE SHALL DISCOVER THE ANSWERS PRESENTLY BUT FIRST...

ATTILA STARES IN ASTONISHMENT AT A GROUP OF COLOSSAL SCULPTURES

THESE MUST BE THE GODS OF THE PLANT

THE MOUNT RUSHMORE MEMORIAL WHERE AN ENTIRE MOUNTAINSIDE PRESENTS IN IMPERISHABLE GRANITE THE LIKENESSES OF WASHINGTON JEFFERSON THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN — AMERICA'S LEADERS OF DEMOCRACY

WHAT IF THESE GREAT DIETIES ARE DISPLEASED WITH US?

WHAT CAN STONE IMAGES DO? HAVE WE NOT WANTED GODS BEFORE AND GIVE TO NO HARM?

INDEED, THE SCULPTURES SEEM TO BRING BACK TO THE PLUNDERERS

BEHOLD! HEN PURPLE IS ON A STRANGE STEED

THEN THE IDOLS ARE OUR FRIENDS FOR HAVE THEY NOT SHOWN US OUR ENEMIES?

THEY BELLOW WITH THE SPEED OF THE WIND. BUT THEY SHALL BE DASHED TO BITS AGAINST THE WAR DIE

UNAWARE OF THE DEADLY TRAP THE CRUDE SMASHING DUO ROARS FULL TILT TOWARD PERIL.

NO SIGN OF THEM YET WON'T BE LONG NOW. THIS IS MOUNT RUSHMORE, ALMOST AT THE BASE OF THE BLACK HILLS

LOOK, VIC! THE ROAD IS BLOCKED.. SLAP ON THE BRAKES!

WE CAN'T STOP! WE'RE GONERS FOR SURE UNLESS

A MIGHTY WRENCH AT THE HANDLEBARS... A SCREECHING TIRE... AND THE MOTORCYCLE STEERING TOWARD SAFER GOALS

HANG ON BILLY

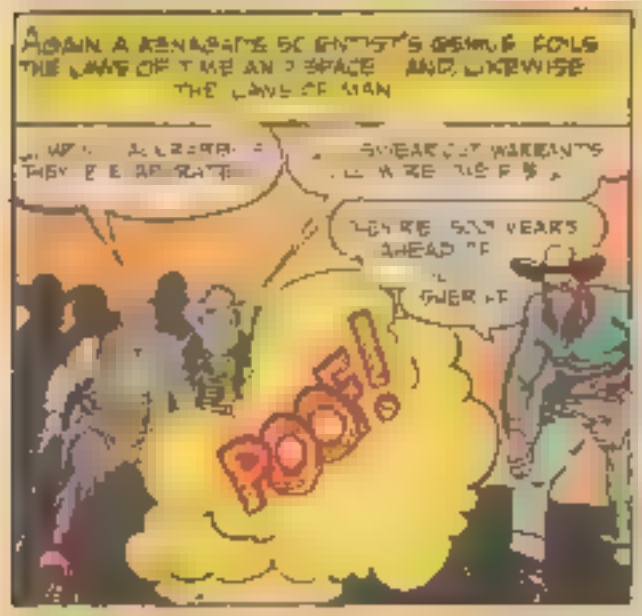
THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' TO HANG ON TO

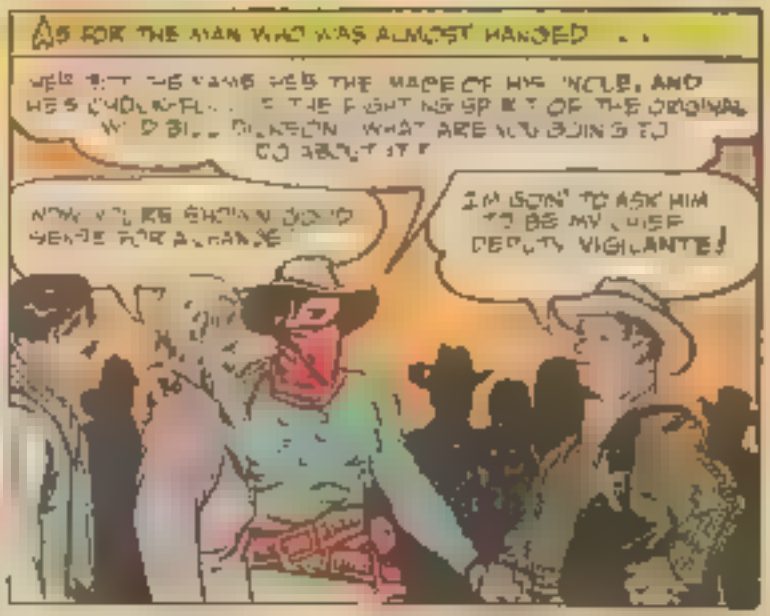
LIKE A FLASHING METEOR, MACHINE AND RIDERS PLUNGE INTO A DIZZY ABYSS
THANKS BUT WE'LL STICK ONE CHANCE IN A MILLION
THE HISSING LARIAT, GUIDED WITH UNERRING SKILL, NOOSES A PROJECTING CORNER OF GRANITE AND
BY GEORGE WASHINGTON YOU MEAN
THERE'S PROBABLY A TRAIL OR A PATH WAY BELOW TAKE A SHORT CUT
DOWN TO MAKE THE
BUT THE MAN IS DEAD THE IDOLS MUST HAVE SENT HIS GHOST AGAINST US
WAS WAS AFRAID
WHAM

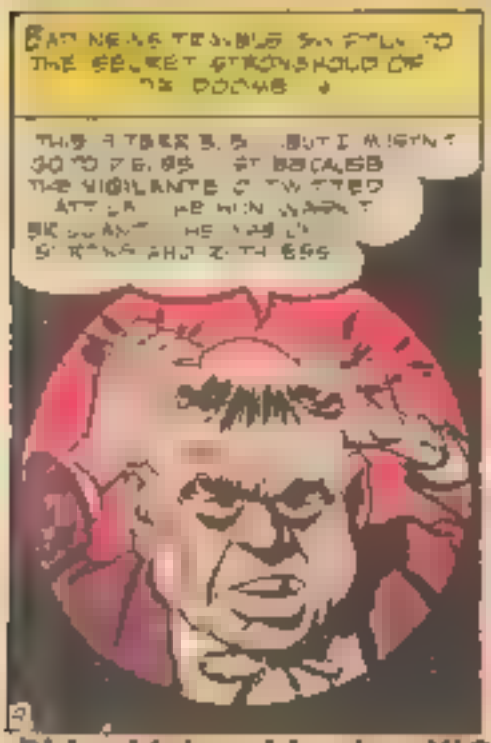
BUT ATTILA AND HIS MEN-AT-ARMS ARE STALWART WARRIORS. AND FOR A MOMENT IT SEEMS THAT THE VIGILANTE IS DOOMED
NOT EVEN A GHOST CAN WITHSTAND ATTILA'S STEEL
THE BELLOW OF A SAX-GUN SAVES THE DAY
BANG
A STRANGE PROCESSION WINDS ITS WAY BACK OVER THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL
A MINUTE LATER
THE VIGILANTE
THIS MAN FOLLOWED THE KILLERS LIKE A HERD
BUT HERE'S WHO I AM
AND I AM SICK AND TIRED OF HIMIN FOLKS SAY I'M CRAZY

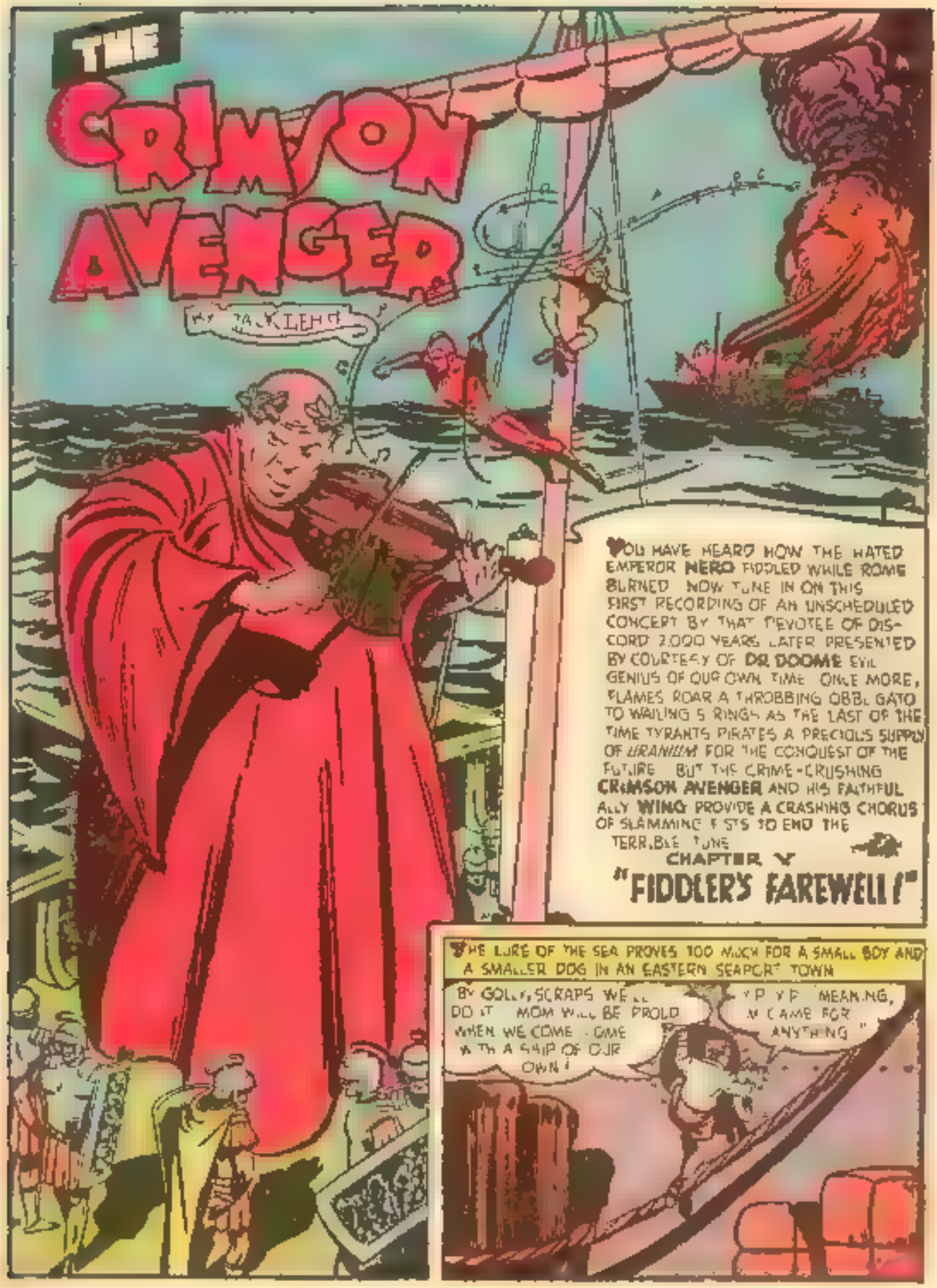
THE LYNCHING SPIRIT ONCE AROUSED, IS HARD TO PUT DOWN
ANYHOW, WE AN STRING IT

BUT ONCE, HOWEVER, ATTILA HOLDS THE WINNING HAND ...


AGAIN, A RENEGADE SCIENTIST'S GENIUS FOILS THE LAWS OF TIME AND SPACE AND, LIKEWISE THE LAWS OF MAN
POOF!


AS FOR THE MAN WHO WAS ALMOST HANGED ...
I'M GOIN' TO ASK HIM TO BE MY CHIEF DEPUTY VIGILANTE!


BAD NEWS TRAVELS SWIFTLY TO THE SECRET STRONGHOLD OF DR. DOOM ...


THE
CRIMSON AVENGER
BY JACK KIRBY
YOU HAVE HEARD HOW THE HATED EMPEROR NERO FIDDLED WHILE ROME BURNED NOW TUNE IN ON THIS FIRST RECORDING OF AN UNSCHEDULED CONCERT BY THAT DEVOTEE OF DISCORD 2,000 YEARS LATER PRESENTED BY COURTESY OF DR. DOOME EVIL GENIUS OF OUR OWN TIME ONCE MORE, FLAMES ROAR A THROBBING OBBLIGATO TO WAILING STRINGS AS THE LAST OF THE TIME TYRANTS PIRATES A PRECIOUS SUPPLY OF URANIUM FOR THE CONQUEST OF THE FUTURE BUT THE CRIME-CRUSHING CRIMSON AVENGER AND HIS FAITHFUL ALLY WING PROVIDE A CRASHING CHORUS OF SLAMMING FISTS TO END THE TERRIBLE TUNE
CHAPTER V
"FIDDLER'S FAREWELL!"
THE LURE OF THE SEA PROVES TOO MUCH FOR A SMALL BOY AND A SMALLER DOG IN AN EASTERN SEAPORT TOWN
BY GOLLY, SCRAPS WE'LL DO IT MOM WILL BE PROUD WHEN WE COME HOME WITH A SHIP OF OUR OWN!
YIP YIP MEANING, I'M GAME FOR ANYTHING!

YOUNG SAMMY SINGER DREAMS OF HIGH ADVENTURE

GET SCRAPS WE'LL NICE TILL WE'RE AT SEA THEN I'LL ASK THE CAPTAIN TO MAKE ME A JUNIOR BUD

THE 'TRITON' ROCKS GENTLY AS SHE LEAVES HARBOR FOR BLUE WATER AND THE STOWAWAYS ARE DISCOVERED QUICKLY

FOUND A PAIR OF STOWAWAYS IN THE HOLD. AP'N HE KNOWS SEASICK

PLEASE SEND ME HOME

FEE AWFUL

SEASICK ON A FINE DAY LIKE THIS WHAT'RE YE GOIN TO DO WHEN WE'RE AS GREAT

SURE KID I'LL SEND YE HOME SOON AS WE GET BACK TO PORT IN ABOUT FIVE MONTHS

B-BUT I NEED MY MUMMY

WOOF MEAN NO WE BOTH WANT TO GO HOME

POOR SAMMY LIKE MANY ANOTHER THOUGHTLESS BOY HE HAS LEARNED TOO LATE THAT THE ROAD TO ADVENTURE ISN'T AS SMOOTH AS HE PICTURED IT

IT WASN'T LIKE THIS IN THE BOOKS I READ

YE BUSY ADMIRAL IS GOOD FOR WHAT ALL YA ARE IF THE SKIPPER SEES YA LOAFIN' HE'LL SKIN YA ALIVE

DUSK AND A STRANGE CRAFT SEETS OUT TO SEA FROM A SHELTERED COVE ON CINO ISLAND

STRANGE WORLD WAKES AS NERO BROUGHT WITH SLAVES AND SOLDIERS FROM ANCIENT ROME BY DR DOOMES TIME MACHINE SAWS TUNELESSLY AT HIS FIDDLE

HOW LIKE YOU THIS TUNE HORATIO

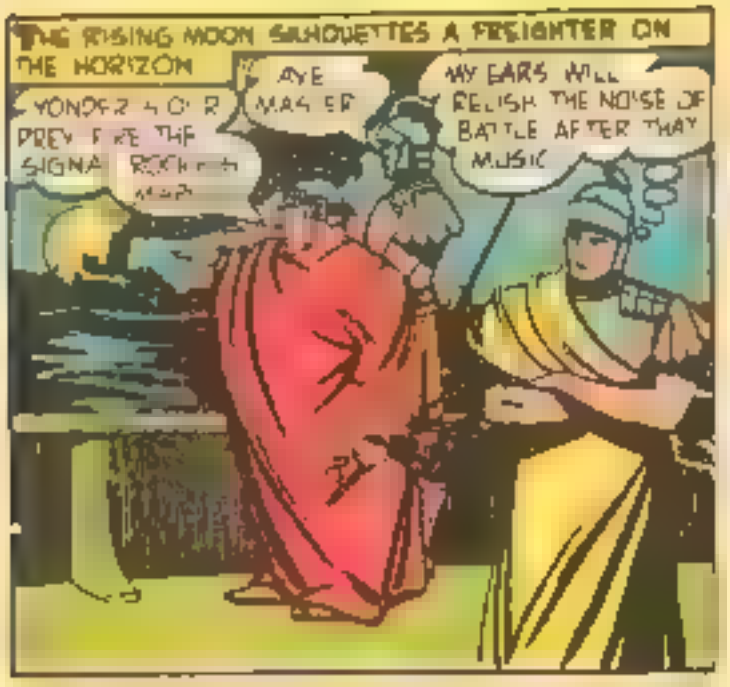
THIS AS SWEET AS THE MUSIC OF THE STARS MAESTRO

IT WOULD SOUND BETTER IF THERE AS DISTANT AS THE STARS

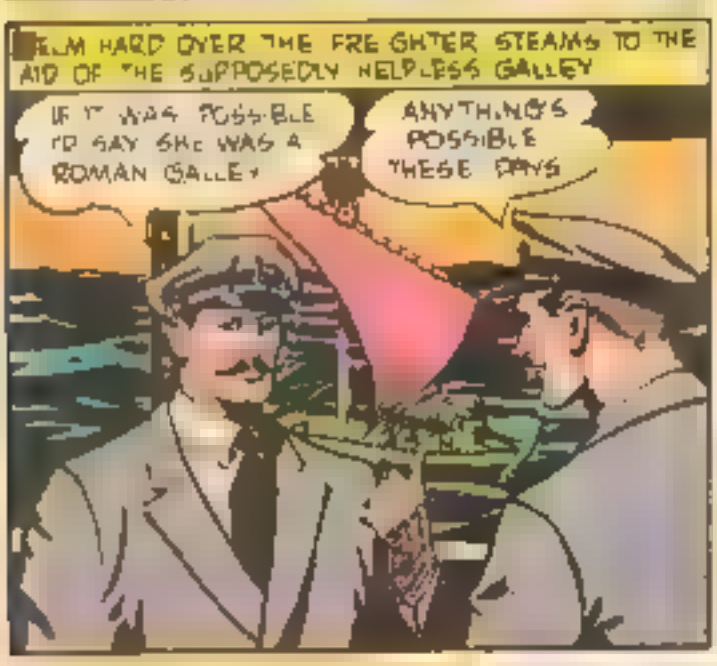
BELOW THE DECK ARE HEARD MORE OMINOUS SOUNDS THE VICIOUS CRACK OF A LASH THE GROANS OF MISERABLE MEN

HANG ON

ROW SLAVES BREAK YOUR BACKS


THE RISING MOON SILHOUETTES A FREIGHTER ON THE HORIZON
YONDER IS OUR PREY FIRE THE SIGNAL ROCKETS MAN
AYE MASTER
MY EARS WILL RELISH THE NOISE OF BATTLE AFTER THAT MUSIC

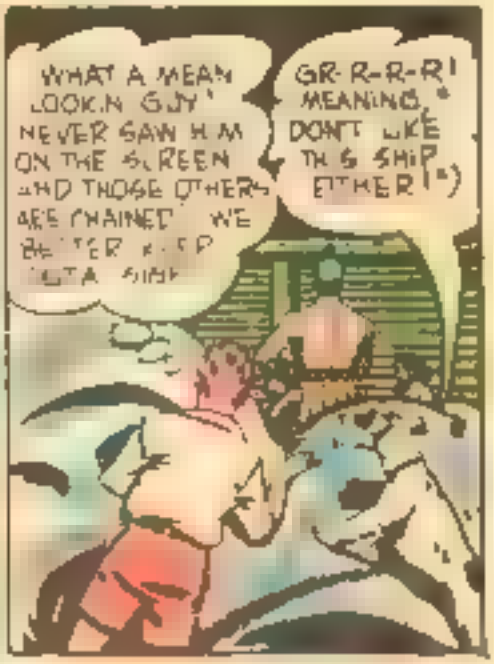
ABOARD THE "TRITON"
LOOKS LIKE A SCOW WITH A SAIL FROM HERE, SIR

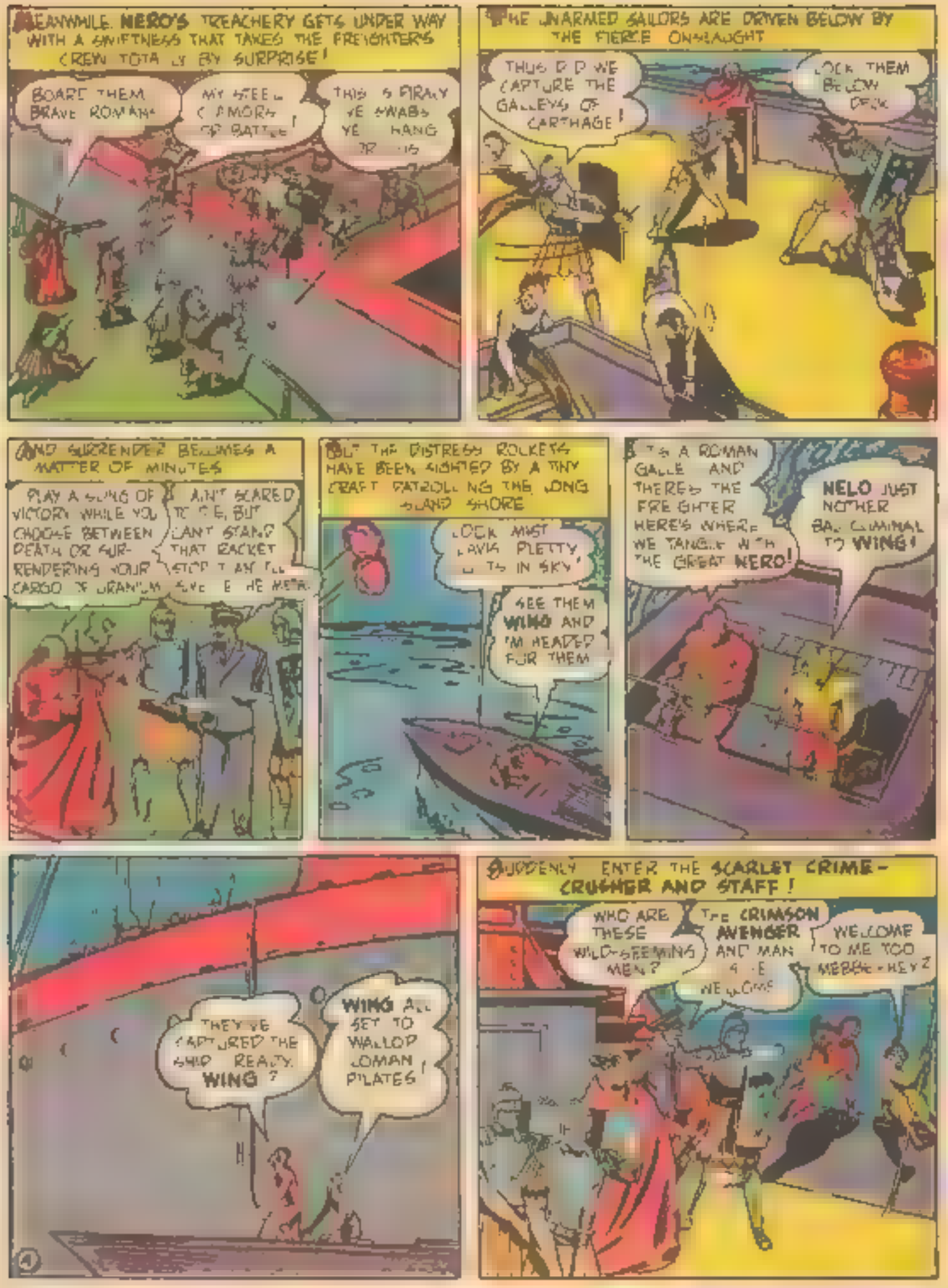

HELM HARD OVER THE FREIGHTER STEAMS TO THE AID OF THE SUPPOSEDLY HELPLESS GALLEY
IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SAY SHE WAS A ROMAN GALLEY
ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE THESE DAYS

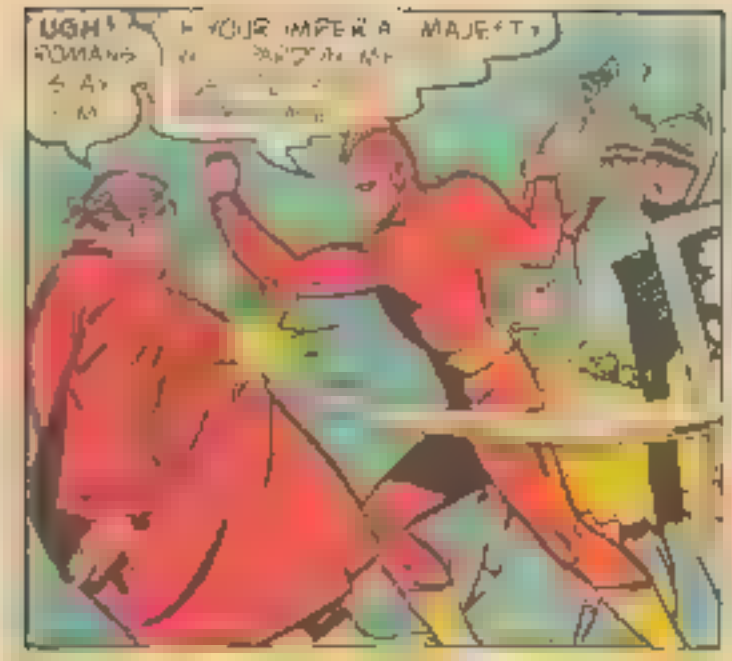
AHOY WHO ARE YE?
WE'RE MOVIE ACTORS WE DRIFTED AWAY FROM LOCATION AND GOT LOST
THESE ARE THE WORDS OF CLAUDE AUGUSTUS ME

BELOW IN HIS BUNK A TORED LAD IS AWAKENED BY THE SHOUTING
HUH ANOTHER BOAT? WHAT? THAT'S WHY THEY'RE FROM A MOVIE COMPANY!

WE'LL HIDE IN THIS SHIP TILL THEY GET BACK TO SHORE SCRAPS THEN WE'LL GO HOME


WHAT A MEAN LOOKIN GUY! NEVER SAW HIM ON THE SCREEN AND THOSE OTHERS ARE CHAINED WE BETTER KEEP OUTA SIGHT
GR-R-R-R! MEANING, "DON'T LIKE THIS SHIP EITHER!")


MEANWHILE, NERO'S TREACHERY GETS UNDER WAY WITH A SWIFTNESS THAT TAKES THE FREIGHTER'S CREW TOTALLY BY SURPRISE!
BOARD THEM BRAVE ROMANS
MY STEEL IS CLAMORING FOR BATTLE!
THIS IS PIRACY! YE SWABS YE HANG FOR THIS
THE UNARMED SAILORS ARE DRIVEN BELOW BY THE FIERCE ONSLAUGHT
THUS DID WE CAPTURE THE GALLEYS OF CARTHAGE!
LOCK THEM BELOW DECK
AND SURRENDER BECOMES A MATTER OF MINUTES
PLAY A SONG OF VICTORY WHILE YOU CHOOSE BETWEEN DEATH OR SURRENDERING YOUR CARGO OF URANIUM
I AIN'T SCARED TO DIE, BUT I CAN'T STAND THAT RACKET
BUT THE DISTRESS ROCKETS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED BY A TINY CRAFT PATROLLING THE LONG ISLAND SHORE
LOOK MAST LAVIS PLETTY LIGHTS IN SKY!
SEE THEM WING AND I'M HEADED FOR THEM
IT'S A ROMAN GALLEY AND THERE'S THE FREIGHTER HERE'S WHERE WE TANGLE WITH THE GREAT NERO!
NELO JUST NOTHER BAD CRIMINAL TO WING!
THEY'VE CAPTURED THE SHIP READY, WING?
WING ALL SET TO WALLOP LOMAN PILATES!
SUDDENLY ENTER THE SCARLET CRIME-CRUSHER AND STAFF!
WHO ARE THESE WILD-SEEMING MEN?
THE CRIMSON AVENGER AND MAN FRIDAY WELCOME
WELCOME TO ME TOO MEBBE-HEY?


UGH!
ROMANS
YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY

SO SOLLY NOT HAVE BASEBALL CLEATS ON FEET
WHO HEE'S MEET THEIR MATCH AND MUCH OR GET WING!

SUPERVISE CAN DISC
OF THE MAIL
THE DOWN SIDE WING ARE TWO AT ME

WING IS THE FIRST ASUALTY
HELP, MIST' CRIMSON

AND AS THE CRIMSON AVENGER LUNGES TO HIS RESCUE WITH DRAWING SWORDS
BALK
POWER
NERO
5

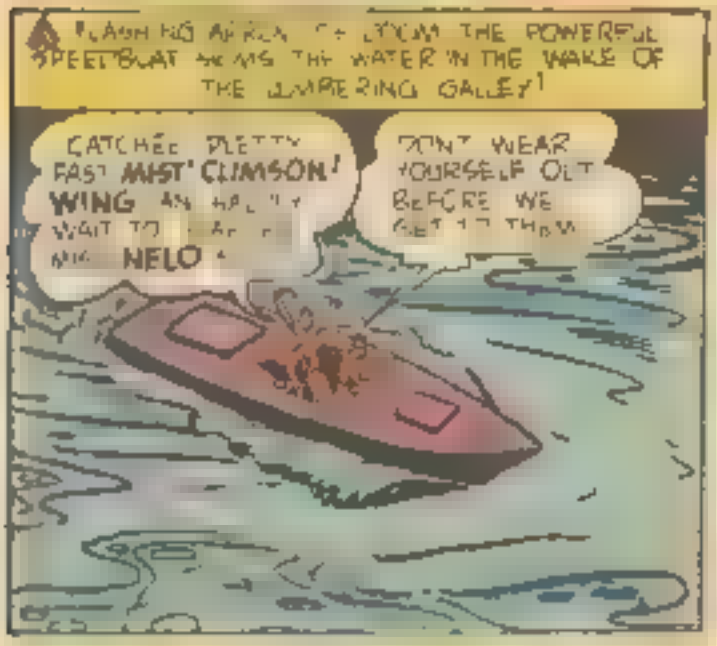
SET FIRE TO THE SHIP IT SHALL BE THEIR FUNERAL PYRE AND THE TOMB OF THE SAILORS IN THE HOLD
A FITTING SALUTE

NERO'S NOT PLAYS AN ACCOMPANIMENT AS THE GALLEY TURNS LANDWARD WITH ITS LOOT
YOUR EMPEROR HAPPY
AND SO ONLY THE EMPEROR HAPPY

MINUTES LATER
OOOH WHAT A NALLOP
WAKE UP
WING!
HAVE GOT

MAKE IT FAST!
THE SUPERSTRUCTURE IS ON FIRE
THE RATS
THEY'RE

GO GET EM, AVENGER!
THEY'VE GOT WING MAD NOW
WON'T NEED

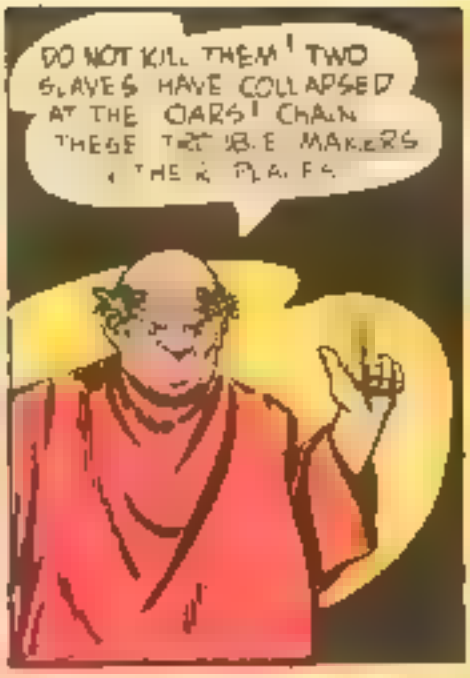

FLASHING ACROSS THE POWERFUL SPEEDBOAT SKIMS THE WATER IN THE WAKE OF THE LUMBERING GALLEY!
CATCHES PRETTY FAST MIST' CLIMSON! WING
WAIT TO
NELO
DON'T WEAR YOURSELF OUT BEFORE WE GET TO THEM

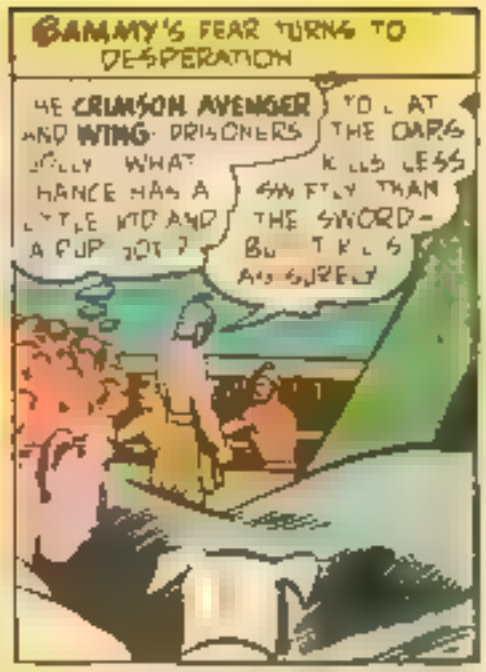
WHILE ABOARD
WE WERE

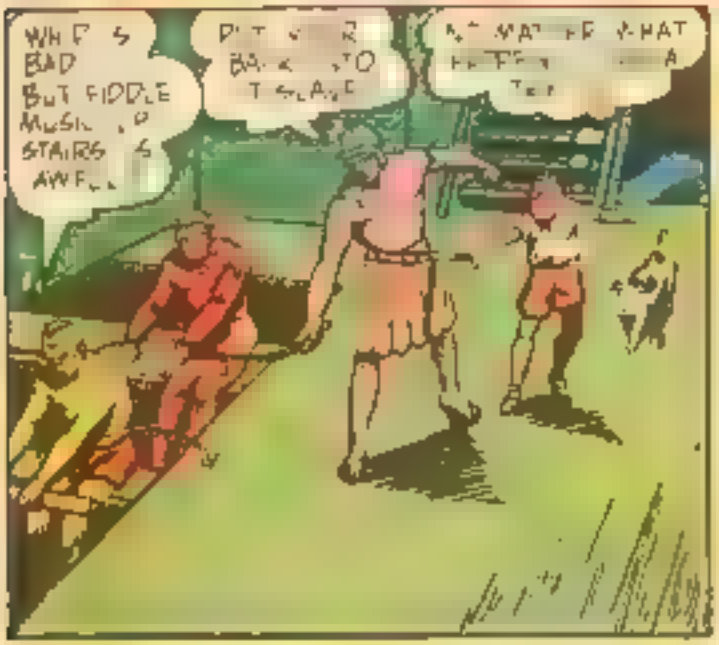
LATE FRIENDS ON THE CRIMSON AVENGER ALSO AS HIS PLAN FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK IS FOILED BY A WATCHFUL SENTRY
WHAT DOES WING – WERE

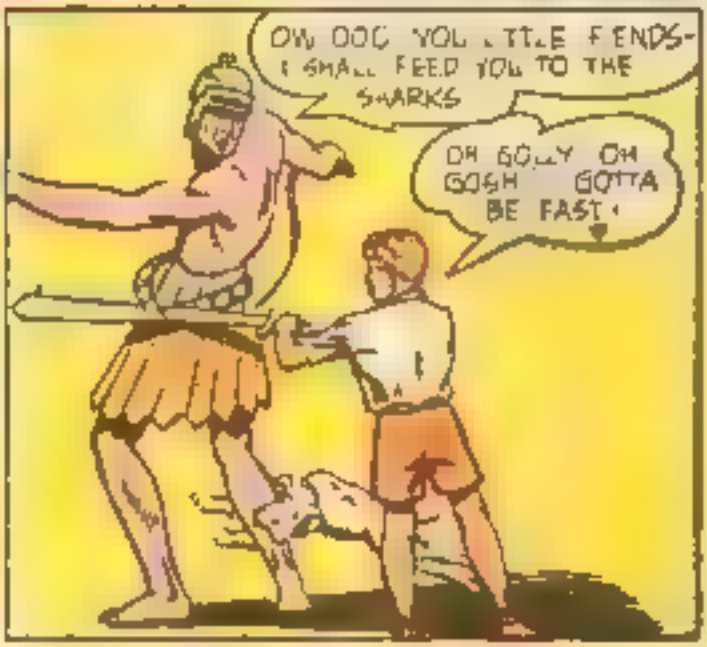
LOOK OUT!
WING

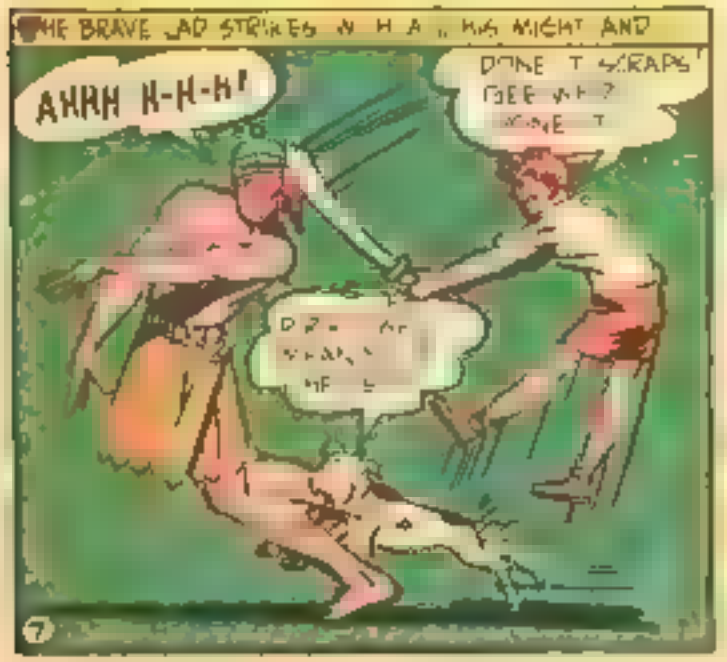
HEY!
THESE ARE NO GHOSTS RUN THEM THROUGH
THE MORE WE FIGHT THE MORE TANGLED

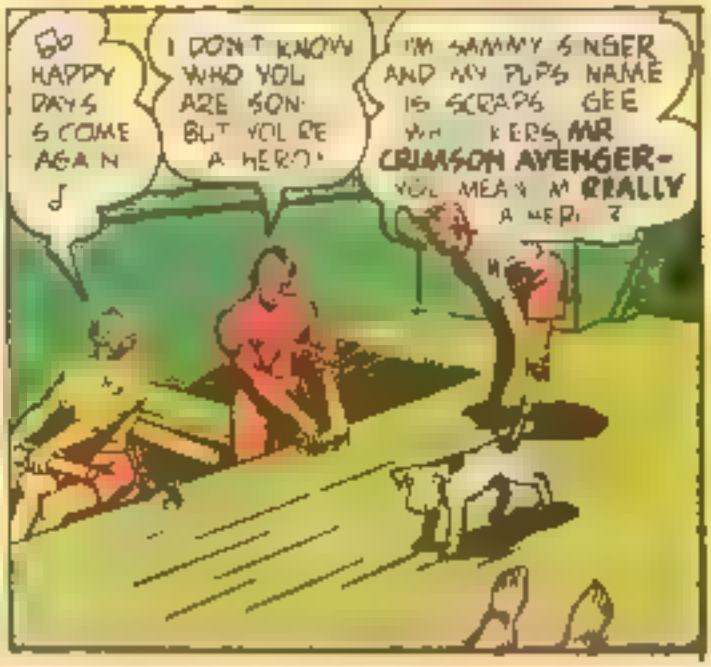

DO NOT KILL THEM! TWO SLAVES HAVE COLLAPSED AT THE OARS! CHAIN THESE TROUBLE MAKERS TO THEIR PLACES


SAMMY'S FEAR TURNS TO DESPERATION
THE CRIMSON AVENGER AND WING PRISONERS
GOLLY WHAT CHANCE HAS A LITTLE KID AND A PUP LIKE ?
TO LAT THE OARS KILLS LESS SWIFTLY THAN THE SWORD-
BUT KILLS AS SURELY

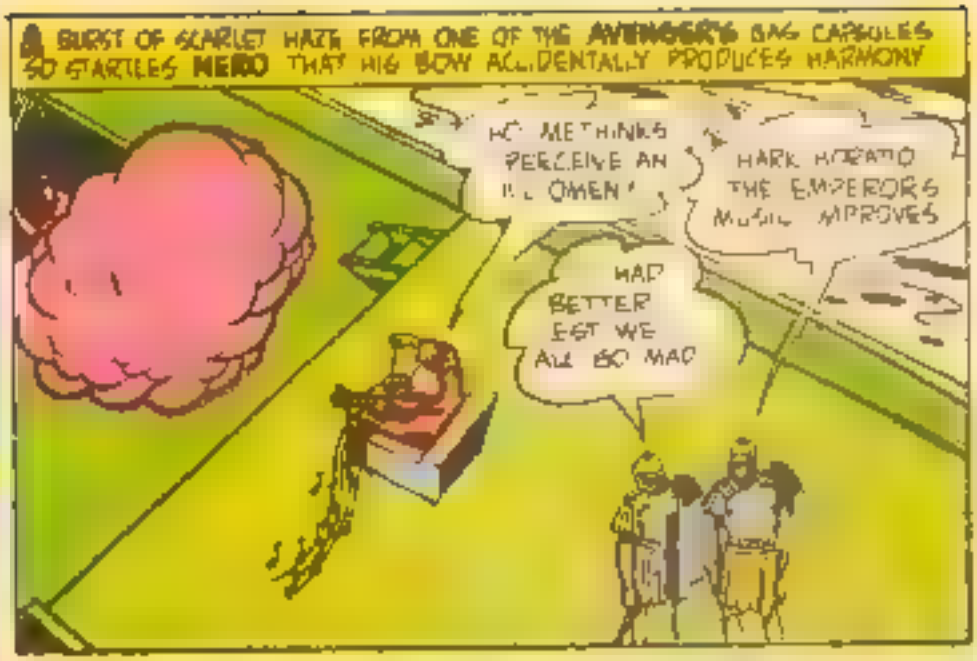

WHAT'S BAD BUT FIDDLE MUSIC UP STAIRS IS AWFUL
BACK TO THE SLAVE
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS

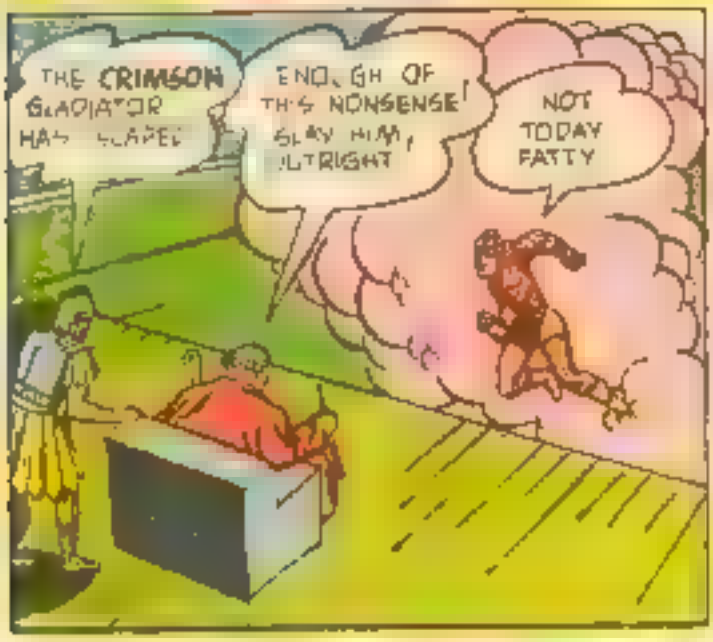

OW OOO YOU LITTLE FIENDS- I SHALL FEED YOU TO THE SHARKS
OH GOLLY OH GOSH GOTTA BE FAST!

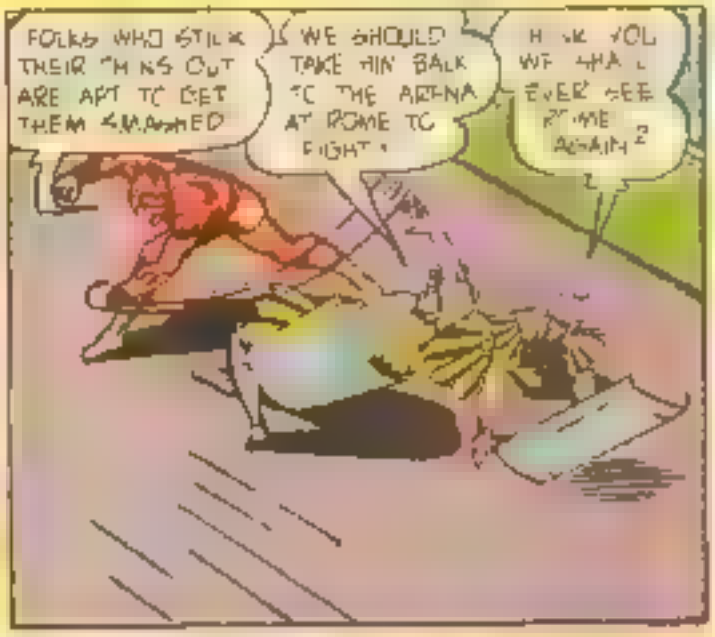

THE BRAVE LAD STRIKES WITH HIS MIGHT AND
AHRH H-H-H!
DONE T SCRAPS GEE WHIZ


SO HAPPY DAYS SCOME AGAIN
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE SON BUT YOU'RE A HERO!
I'M SAMMY SINGER AND MY PUPS NAME IS SCRAPS GEE WHIZ MISTER MR CRIMSON AVENGER- YOU MEAN I'M REALLY A HERO?

SET THE SLAVES FREE WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH, WING! WE'LL NEED THEM
WHEN YOU'VE BEATEN 'EM, MR. AVENGER, WILL YOU HELP ME GET BACK TO MY MOM?


A BURST OF SCARLET HAZE FROM ONE OF THE AVENGER'S GAS CAPSULES SO STARTLES NERO THAT HIS BOW ACCIDENTALLY PRODUCES HARMONY
HO! METHINKS I PERCEIVE AN ILL OMEN!
HARK HORATIO THE EMPEROR'S MUSIC IMPROVES
HAD BETTER EAT WE ALL GO MAD


THE CRIMSON GLADIATOR HAS ESCAPED
ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE! SLAY HIM, OUTRIGHT!
NOT TODAY FATTY


FOLKS WHO STICK THEIR CHINS OUT ARE APT TO GET THEM SMASHED
WE SHOULD TAKE HIM BACK TO THE ARENA AT ROME TO FIGHT!
HOW YOU WE SHALL EVER SEE ROME AGAIN?

MY BELOVED FIDDLE
THAT'S THE SWEETEST TUNE I EVER PLAYED

RIDE EM YOU DIVE BOMBER, CHINATOWN WINS DOWN! COWBOY

FREED FROM THEIR HATED CHAINS, THE GALLEY SLAVES POUR FROM THE HOLD TO STRIKE BACK AT THEIR TORMENTORS
AT THEM PRISONERS
WEEE
NOW WE ARE MASTERS!

YOU HAVE BROUGHT THIS ANNIHILATION UPON NERO CLAUDIUS CEASAR - NOW SPURN YOU AND RETURN TO ROME

CAN THAT BE DR DOOME'S HIDEOUT ?

SO THE MEN OF ROME VANISH LEAVING THEIR CONQUERORS ALONE ABOARD THE DRIFTING GALLEY

GO CRAZY

NO, WING THEY'VE RETURNED TO HE SAME SOME DEVILTRY OF DR DOOME IN THAT LIGHTHOUSE

DR. DOOME YOU SAY ? WE GIVE HIM PLENTY TROUBLE YES ?

NOT RIGHT AWAY WING WE MUST GET SAMMY AND SCRAPS BACK TO HIS FOLKS AND TELL THEM HOW BRAVE THEY ARE !

WILL THEY BE PROUD OF US

THEN TALKING DR DOOME IS A JOB FOR ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES TOGETHER

PLENTY DOOM COMING TO OL DOC DOOME, YES ?

NO MORE SAILING FOR ME WHEN GET BIG ENOUGH, SCRAPS AND I ARE GONNA JOIN THE LEGIONNAIRES

ATOP HIS DESOLATE TOWER DR DOOME HAS WATCHED IN DESPAIR AS THE LAST OF HIS TYRANTS FROM THE PAST GOES DOWN IN DEFEAT BEFORE THE 20TH CENTURY CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE

NAPOLEON ALEXANDER GENGHIS KHAN ATTILA AND NOW NERO HAS FAILED ME WHY DID NOT ELIMINATE THOSE MEDDLESOME LEGIONNAIRES BEFORE SENT THEM OUT ?

PERHAPS IT IS NOT TOO LATE LET THEM DARE COME HERE - THOSE IDIOTS WHO THINK THE LAW IS EVERYTHING AND SHALL DESTROY THEM

THEN LAN COMPLETE THIS MACHINE TO PROJECT ME INTO THE FUTURE IT MIGHT WORK EVEN NOW - BUT NO IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO ATTEMPT IT BUT SHALL YET RULE THE WORLD - ALONE THE MOST MAGNIFICENT TYRANT OF ALL ETERNITY

CAN THE DIABOLICAL INGENUITY OF THIS SUPER-CRIMINAL STILL TRIUMPH OVER THE SEVEN SOLDIERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ?

HAVE THEY WON FIVE SEPARATE SKIRMISHES, ONLY TO GO DOWN TOGETHER IN DEFEAT IN THE DECISIVE BATTLE OF THE CAMPAIGN ?...

LET US SEE

AS THE CURTAIN RISES ON THE MOST THRILLING ADVENTURE OF ALL !

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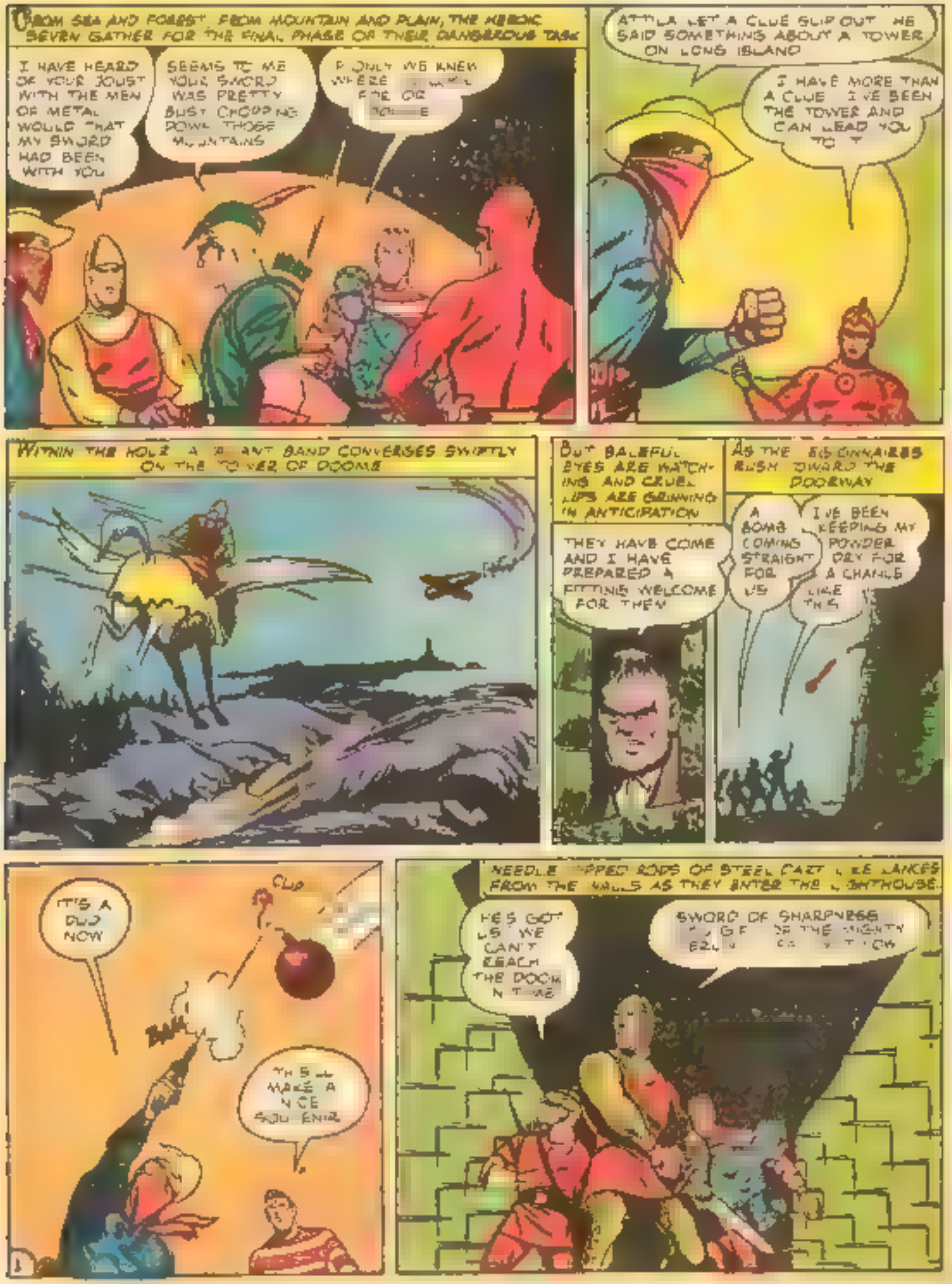
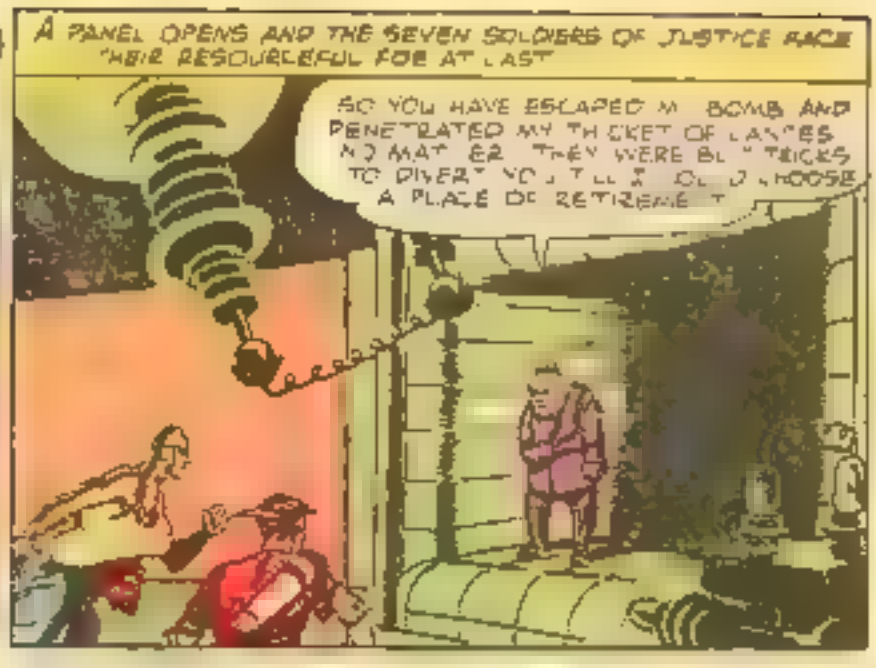

FROM SEA AND FOREST, FROM MOUNTAIN AND PLAIN, THE HEROIC SEVEN GATHER FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THEIR DANGEROUS TASK
I HAVE HEARD OF YOUR JOUST WITH THE MEN OF METAL WOULD THAT MY SWORD HAD BEEN WITH YOU
SEEMS TO ME YOUR SWORD WAS PRETTY BUSY CHOPPING DOWN THOSE MOUNTAINS
IF ONLY WE KNEW WHERE
ATTILA LET A CLUE SLIP OUT HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A TOWER ON LONG ISLAND
I HAVE MORE THAN A CLUE I'VE SEEN THE TOWER AND CAN LEAD YOU TO IT
WITHIN THE HOLE A
ANT BAND CONVERGES SWIFTLY ON THE TOWER OF DOOM
BUT BALEFUL EYES ARE WATCHING AND CRUEL LIPS ARE GRINNING IN ANTICIPATION
THEY HAVE COME AND I HAVE PREPARED A FITTING WELCOME FOR THEM
AS THE BOSONNAIRES RUSH TOWARD THE DOORWAY
A BOMB COMING STRAIGHT FOR US
I'VE BEEN KEEPING MY POWDER DRY FOR A CHANCE LIKE THIS
IT'S A DUD NOW
CLUB
BAM
THIS WILL MAKE A NICE SOUVENIR
NEEDLE TIPPED RODS OF STEEL CART WHEEL LANCES FROM THE WALLS AS THEY ENTER THE LIGHTHOUSE
HE'S GOT US! WE CAN'T REACH THE DOOR IN TIME
SWORD OF SHARPNESS

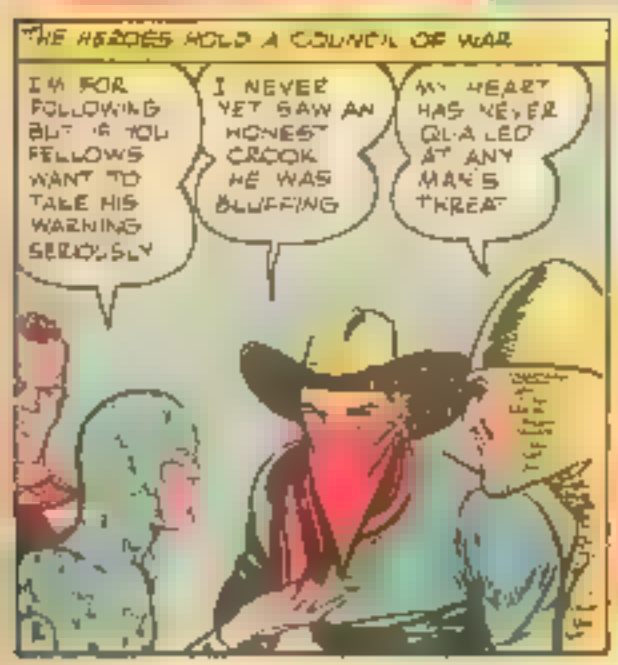
NO ENCHANTMENT CAN WITHSTAND MERLIN'S MAGIC
WHEW! WE OWE YOU AND MERLIN A VOTE OF THANKS JUSTIN


A PANEL OPENS AND THE SEVEN SOLDIERS OF JUSTICE FACE THEIR RESOURCEFUL FOE AT LAST
SO YOU HAVE ESCAPED MY BOMB AND PENETRATED MY THICKET OF LANCES NO MATTER THEY WERE BUT TRICKS TO DIVERT YOU TILL I COULD CHOOSE A PLACE OF RETIREMENT

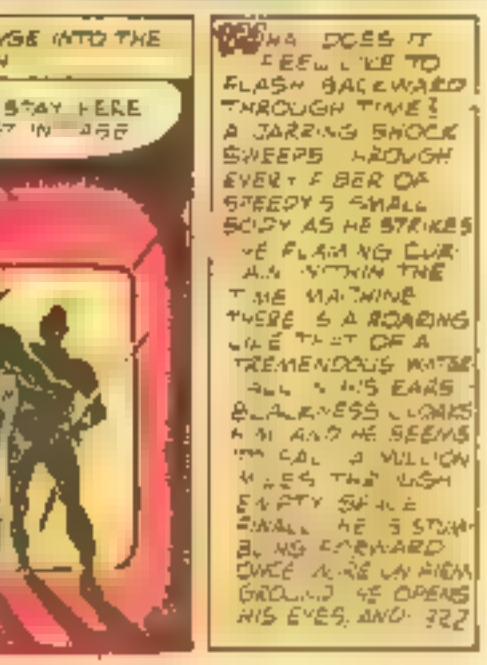
YOUR COMBINED EFFORTS HAVE SERVED ONLY TO DELAY MY PLANS A LITTLE BUT I CAN TAKE MY SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE INTO THE PAST AND WORK AS WELL THERE AS IN THIS BENIGHTED CENTURY

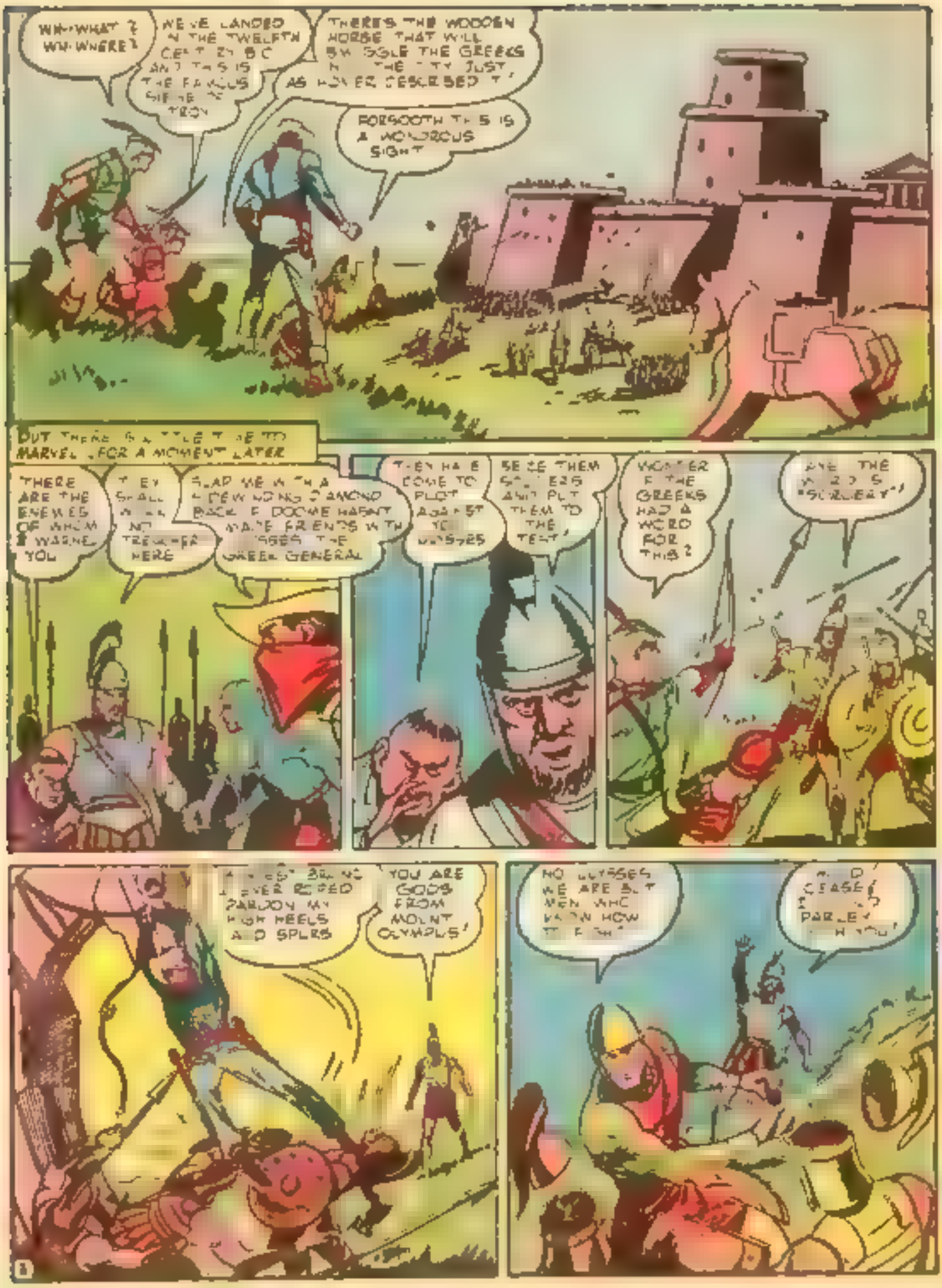
I WARN YOU IF YOU FOLLOW ME IT WILL BE AT YOUR OWN PERIL
FLAME AT HIM

WELL I'LL BE HORN SWOGGLED! HE'S GONE!
THIS IS THE SAME KIND OF JIGGER THAT MADE ALEXANDER AND HIS MEN GO BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM
HE'S PROBABLY THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN THE PAST GARDNER

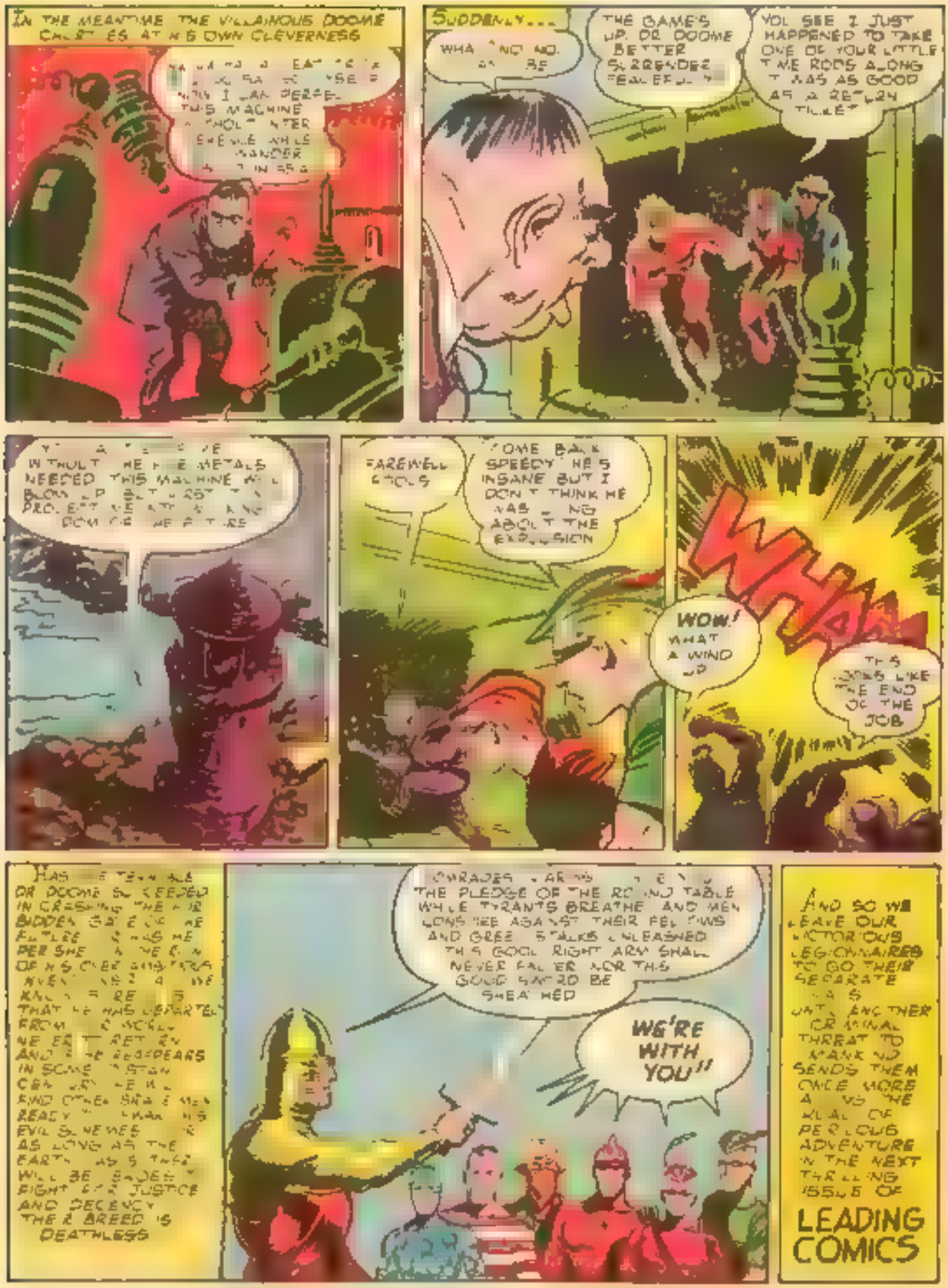

THE HEROES HOLD A COUNCIL OF WAR
I'M FOR FOLLOWING BUT IF YOU FELLOWS WANT TO TAKE HIS WARNING SERIOUSLY
I NEVER YET SAW AN HONEST CROOK HE WAS BLUFFING
MY HEART HAS NEVER QUAILED AT ANY MAN'S THREAT

FEARLESSLY THEY PLUNGE INTO THE UNKNOWN
MAYBE YOU'D BETTER STAY HERE SPEEDY JUST IN CASE
STOP MAKING FUNNY JOKES AND HURRY UP OR I'LL RUN OVER YOU


HOW DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO FLASH BACKWARD THROUGH TIME? A JARRING SHOCK SWEEPS THROUGH EVERY FIBER OF SPEEDY'S SMALL BODY AS HE STRIKES THE FLAMING CURTAIN WITHIN THE TIME MACHINE THERE IS A ROARING LIKE THAT OF A TREMENDOUS WATERFALL IN HIS EARS BLACKNESS CLOSES IN AND HE SEEMS TO FALL A MILLION MILES THROUGH EMPTY SPACE FINALLY HE IS STUMBLING FORWARD ONCE MORE ON FIRM GROUND HE OPENS HIS EYES AND ???


WH-WHAT ? WH-WHERE ?
WE'VE LANDED IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY B.C. AND THIS IS THE FAMOUS SIEGE OF TROY
THERE'S THE WOODEN HORSE THAT WILL BY GOLE THE GREEKS IN THE CITY JUST AS HOMER DESCRIBED IT!
FORSOOTH THIS IS A WONDROUS SIGHT
BUT THERE WAS LITTLE TIME TO MARVEL ... FOR A MOMENT LATER
THERE ARE THE ENEMIES OF WHOM I WARNED YOU
THEY SHALL NOT TREAD HERE
GLAD WE WERE A FEW WORDS AMONG BACK IF DOOMS HAVENT MADE FRIENDS WITH ULYSSES THE GREEK GENERAL
THEY HAVE COME TO PLOT AGAINST US ULYSSES
SEIZE THEM SAILORS AND PUT THEM TO THE TEST!
WONDER IF THE GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR THIS?
ARE THE WORDS "SORCERY"!
YOU ARE GODS FROM MOUNT OLYMPUS!
NO ULYSSES WE ARE BUT MEN WHO KNOW HOW TO FIGHT
CEASE! PARLEY WITH YOU!

I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WARRIORS SO BOLD AND ABLE SHOULD STOOP TO TREACHERY
YOUR FRIEND DOOME IS THE TREACHEROUS ONE
HE'S LYING! WHY DON'T YOU KILL HIM?
YOU HAVE MY KNIGHTLY OATH THAT WE HAVE PURSUED THIS VARLET BECAUSE HE'S A TRAITOR TO HIS COUNTRY AND HIS GENERATION
RATHER WOULD I BELIEVE YOU, WEARER OF GOLDEN ARMOR THAN THIS SNIVELING WRETCH
BECAUSE YOU GAVE FALSE WITNESS YOU SHALL RIDE WITH THE SOLDIERS IN THE BELLY OF YON WOODEN HORSE INTO THE CITY. YOU SHALL BE THE FIRST TO LEAP OUT AND UNLESS YOU FIGHT VALIANTLY THE FIRST TO BE SLAIN
BUT THE MAD SCIENTIST HAS HIS OWN IDEAS
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I INTEND TO REMAIN? I CAME HERE TO TRAP MY ENEMIES! NOW I SHALL RETURN TO MY LABORATORY LEAVING THEM FOREVER!
OH NO YOU DON'T
HUH? HE'S IT AFTER ALL. NOW WHAT ABOUT US?
IS A KIND OF IN CARDEN ULYSSES BY WHICH DR. DOOME MAKES A JEST OF THE LEGEND
BY MY BEARD THIS IS STRANGE FABLING
LOOKS LIKE HE'S LEFT US IN THE LUNCH SURE ENOUGH! WITHOUT A TIME MACHINE, HOW CAN WE GET BACK?
WHY SHOULD YOU WANT TO LEAVE?
STAY AND FIGHT FOR ME! YOU SHALL HAVE RICHES AND HONOR
THANKS BUT OUR OWN WORLD IS IN DANGER AS LONG AS DOOME REMAINS FREE! WE'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW HIM IF WE CAN
MAYBE I CAN HELP, G.A.?


IN THE MEANTIME THE VILLAINOUS DOOME CHUCKLES AT HIS OWN CLEVERNESS
SUDDENLY...
WHA NO NO.
THE GAME'S UP, DR. DOOME BETTER SURRENDER
YOU SEE I JUST HAPPENED TO TAKE ONE OF YOUR LITTLE TIME RODS ALONG IT WAS AS GOOD AS A RETURN TICKET
WITHOUT THE METALS NEEDED THIS MACHINE WILL BLOW UP
FAREWELL FOOLS
COME BACK SPEEDY HE'S INSANE BUT I DON'T THINK HE WAS ... ABOUT THE EXPLOSION
WHOOM
WOW! WHAT A WIND UP
THIS LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE JOB
HAS THE TERRIBLE DR DOOME SUCCEEDED IN CRUSHING THE HUMAN BODIES OF THE FATHER AND THE PERSEUS OF HIS OWN CONTRA NATURA? WE KNOW THAT HE HAS DEPARTED FROM THE WORLD WE EARTH RETURN AND THE REDEEMERS IN SOME INSTANCE AND OTHER SHADOWS READY TO CHALLENGE HIS EVIL SCHEMES AS LONG AS THE EARTH AS THEY WILL BE GUARDED TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND DECENCY THE ROUND TABLE IS DEATHLESS
COMRADES ARMS THE PLEDGE OF THE ROUND TABLE WHILE TYRANTS BREATHE AND MEN LONG FOR ASUNDER THEIR FELLOWS AND GREED STALKS UNLEASHED THIS GOOD RIGHT ARM SHALL NEVER FALTER NOR THIS GOOD SWORD BE SHEATHED
WE'RE WITH YOU!!
AND SO WE LEAVE OUR VICTORIOUS LEGIONNAIRES TO GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS UNTIL ANOTHER CRIMINAL THREAT TO MANKIND SENDS THEM ONCE MORE ALONG THE ROAD OF PERILOUS ADVENTURE IN THE NEXT THRILLING ISSUE OF
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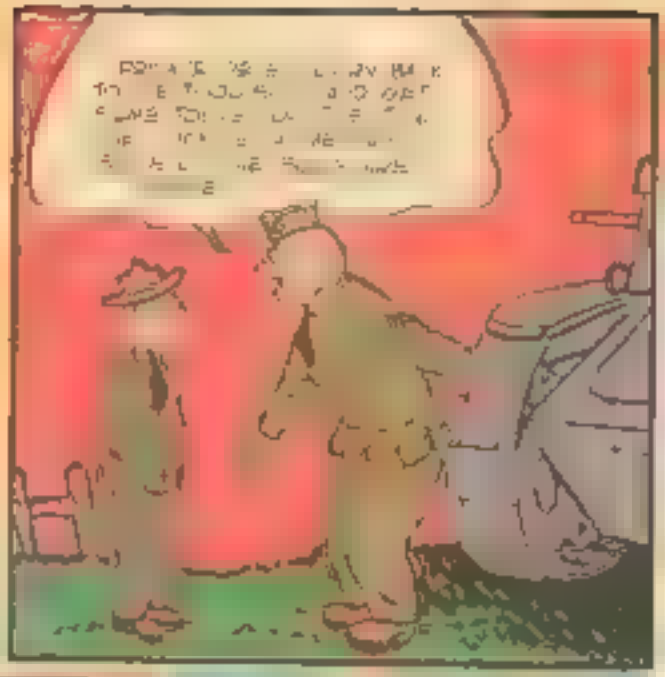

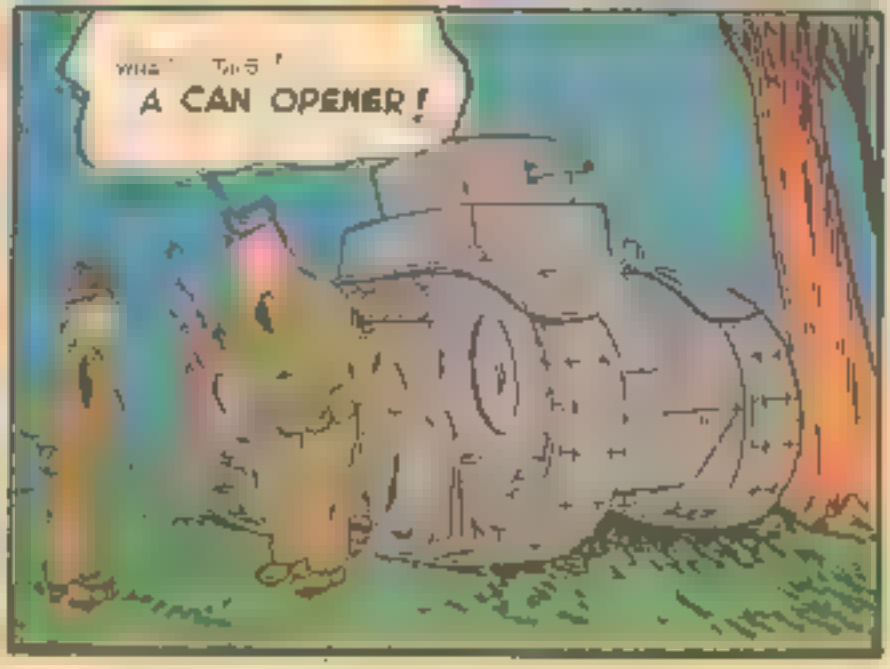

START ONE

HE was smart this Red Duane He always had an alibi, and when a crook has one that the law can't break he's pretty sure to stay a free man Not that Red Duane believed in perfect alibis. He wouldn't even think of one Just give him an alibi that was human and he manage to fool the cops

That was Red, a smart guy and one who could see the human equation and recognize it The many other jobs were doing [illegible] because they had [illegible] that did [illegible] Red Duane wasn't going [illegible] do that He had found out early that a perfect alibi was one the law always looked upon with suspicion

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So when he came into Hopeville [illegible] to get a defense job, [illegible] to get his hands on the [illegible] Widow Chase was notorious. He had nothing in his mind but a plan And it wasn't too clever

He wouldn't have wanted it to be [illegible] a [illegible] thing about crooks [illegible] start out perfect [illegible] them and maybe they get away with those first jobs [illegible] when they begin [illegible] themselves smart [illegible] he get caught Once again [illegible] he perfect alibi. The [illegible] ironed out all the angles in advance

But [illegible] Red Duane He got [illegible] at [illegible] weekly salary Some [illegible] he spent [illegible] with fellow workers [illegible] went to casing the Widow Chase's house

Within three weeks, Red Duane knew a lot about her He could tell you which he wouldn't that at night she liked to read Her bedroom was on the lower floor of a two story white Colonial house in which also lived a gardener handyman and a maid. The Widow Chase read in bed, a place to which she repaired promptly every night at ten. Around eleven she put out the light, and she was always the last one to do so

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Red Duane knew this because he was on the night shift He went to work at midnight, quit at eight Between ten and eleven each evening [illegible] a week he had been hiding behind a tree watching the Widow Chase through the scanty light afforded by the white Venetian blinds There was a wall safe in her room, Red Duane at last found out

Yes, the Widow had gotten careless at last On this particular night she had forgotten to close the shutters and Red had seen her go to the safe His body had trembled at sight of the fortune in jewels and he knew then that the underworld grapevine had told the truth. She was eccentric enough to keep the jewels in her house

And eccentric was the word for this old lady Red Duane told himself. A dame like her deserved to lose what she had as did anyone who didn't take proper precautions to safeguard their valuables.

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On the following night with the heavens pouring rain Red Duane decided to strike It was all very simple He would put a raincoat over his working clothes a simple black raincoat put a jimmy and a gun in his pocket and, when the old lady was asleep, he'd enter the house

There was nothing to fear from the police in this town. It wasn't big enough to afford more than three cops and a Chief

In the pouring rain, Red Duane stood beside a giant oak tree that [illegible] the house, waited patiently [illegible] he saw the old lady light go out around eleven Then he gave her another [illegible] hour to fall asleep It was eleven thirty when he hooked the mask over his eyes and approached his prey

The [illegible] easy The old fog [illegible] open! No sense [illegible] feet, Red Duane [illegible] the old lady's [illegible] His [illegible] ears caught her rythmic breathing and Red Duane [illegible] The gardener [illegible] would't even know what had happened until long after By then, he would be safe at his lathe in the machine shop, hidden in his own partitioned corner

But he would be a very rich man

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His protected hands stole out in the darkness There was a startled gasp [illegible] a convulsive shudder as [illegible] was [illegible] and frightened [illegible] lashed out [illegible] Red Duane stepped [illegible] her tongue [illegible] with the work [illegible] his partly [illegible] raincoat

His [illegible] on the [illegible] grated Don't make [illegible] sound or I'll kill you [illegible]

He [illegible] saw the [illegible] That was good [illegible] was smart Put [illegible] Red hissed A [illegible] want to [illegible]

He [illegible] the purplish light [illegible] spring up from a [illegible] Fear [illegible] the old lady's [illegible] and Red's eyes gloated satisfied y.

He was glad he hadn't scared her more. Her red face seemed to him to be on the verge of high blood pressure.

"All right now, [illegible]," Red said. "Open that wall safe!" His gun was before her widened eyes. It was hot in the room, and the silver-shaded light had a reflector that cast a glare.

But Red Duane wasn't worried about a light being seen. It was what he wanted. Persons passing wouldn't suspect a room well lighted; it was the moving of a flashlight that would make them suspicious.

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Red Duane gasped as he looked at the jewels the old lady handed him. Her body trembled and yet her gaze was now calm and quiet as she watched him put them in his pocket impatiently. Time was getting short for Red.

"You [illegible] you're not going to kill me," the old lady quavered.

Red didn't answer. Instead, his arm shot out, pounding the startled woman. In a moment she was securely trussed and gagged, and lying on the bed, her wide eyes watched Red Duane until he snapped off the glaring light and left the room in darkness.

It was ten minutes before she could move enough to knock the receiver from its phone cradle.

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Ten minutes—and by then, Red Duane, the jewels hidden about his person, was nodding to the night watchman at the defense plant [illegible] and moving toward his bench in the corner.

He was smiling happily. No one had seen him, no one could suspect him. After a couple of more nights here, he'd quit. Wait just long enough so it won't look suspicious, he told himself. Then back to the Big Town and a fence who would convert the jewels into cash.

Just like that. And Red Duane had an alibi if he needed it. He was a man gone straight and he had been working the night of the robbery. He had pressed himself to work. A half [illegible] later, Red Duane put [illegible] shrieking through the [illegible] machine humming room. As if by magic, every machine in the place stilled at the foreman's summons.

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Red's blood froze as he saw the Chief and two officers with the foreman. It was purely reflex action, he tried to tell himself for instance [illegible]. The sight of cops. They had nothing on him. He got up from his bench, walked [illegible] toward the door with the rest of the men as the foreman's voice [illegible].

"Men," the foreman said. "I want you all [illegible] up. The Chief here is trying to work out an air raid defense program. It will take only a few minutes."

Red Duane sighed with relief. "Whew," he muttered to himself. "I sure was worried for a moment." Even his cheeks felt hot. He had been worried. Obediently he lined up with the men.

The Chief stared from the door, looked each man over.

He stopped in front of Red Duane and suddenly Red saw in the Chief's face the presence of danger. It was only too apparent as the cops behind the Chief suddenly drew their guns. "Put the cuffs on this bird," the Chief said. "We'll search him inside."

"Hey, cut that out!" Red started to struggle. "You've got nothing on me." Fingers of iron bit into his wrist. He screeched with pain and anger. He could never have reached his gun fast enough.

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In two minutes he was in the foreman's office. They hadn't searched him yet. And, oddly, they didn't move to do so. The Chief was looking at him. "Maybe you don't know it, buddy," he said, "but some one robbed the Widow Chase tonight, someone from this plant. His voice was low and deliberate. "Know how we figured? He wasn't in not wanting [illegible] and [illegible]. The Widow's fingers had grease on them when she struggled with the guy. It must have been on his coat. So we weren't sure, but we thought maybe one of the boys here had gotten greedy."

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He grinned, enjoying the discomfiture in Red Duane's face.

Red looked at him, said hoarsely: "It's a frame."

"Yeah?" The Chief's hands propelled Red Duane toward a mirror. "Look in there!"

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Red Duane's reflection caused him to moan, fall back. One of the policemen steadied the crook, whose eyes were drawn back as though by magnetic attraction to the strange face that stared at him.

What had happened to his face? It was red, red as fire—except where the mask had covered it. That was all white!

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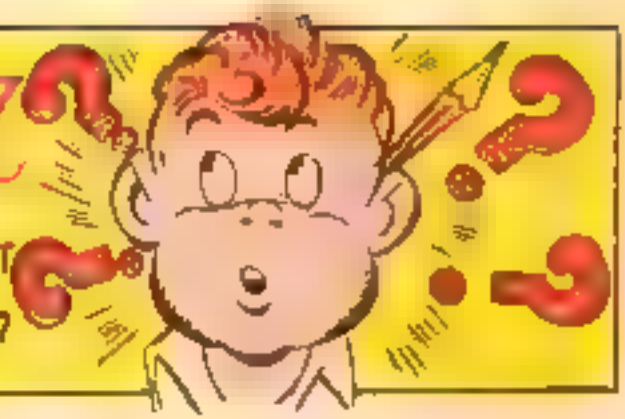
"You see," the Chief was explaining, and Red Duane was too far gone to hear him: "the Widow Chase did a smart thing. When the thief ordered her to turn on a light, she did. Only it happened to be an ultra violet lamp she uses to take her sun ray treatments. And the thief never realized the Widow Chase was burning a brand on his face." Contemptuously he looked at the cowering Red Duane then spoke to his men. "Bring the smart guy along," he said. "The Widow can have her jewels back tomorrow!"

The End

COMIQUIZ

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR 5 FAVORITE FEATURES?



What do you know about your five favorite fun-features, fans? Test your comics book I.Q. on the following assortment of brain-twisters, puzzlers and boffers! It's fun to be fooled—but it's more fun to know the correct answers, so turn this upside down after you've wrestled with our twenty questions!

TRUE OR FALSE

1. THE GREEN ARROW invented the STAR-ROCKET RACER.
2. In real life THE CRIMSON AVENGER is a newspaper publisher.
3. THE VIGILANTE's horse cannot fly.
4. Pat Dugan is known as STRIPESY because he is an ex-convict.
5. THE SHINING KNIGHT owes all his powers to Merlin the Magician.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Billy Batson accompanies _____ on various adventures.
2. THE SHINING KNIGHT'S weapons are _____ and sword.
3. A popular character who wears glasses in real life is _____.
4. THE CRIMSON AVENGER and _____ are a famous crime-busting team.
5. THE GREEN ARROW hides his features with a dashing mask but the vigilante hides his with a _____.

WHO'S WHO?

1. What champion of justice works in a museum?
2. What famous character wears a red feather in his cap?
3. Who is Oliver Queen?
4. Who wears two guns _____ but never fires them at anyone?
5. With which character should the color red be associated?

HEROES AND VILLAINS

1. THE CRIMSON AVENGER	ALEXANDER THE GREAT
2. THE STAR SPANGLED KID	NAPOLEON
3. THE GREEN ARROW	NERO
4. THE VIGILANTE	ATTILA THE HUN
5. THE SHINING KNIGHT	GENGHIS KHAN

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

TRUE OR FALSE

1. False. Simpson did.
2. True.
3. False. He has no horse.
4. False—but definitely STRIPESY has always been on the law's side.
5. True.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. THE VIGILANTE
2. Lance.
3. Sylvester Pumphrey.
4. WING
5. Gauntlets

WHO'S WHO

1. Justice THE SHINING KNIGHT
2. THE GREEN ARROW
3. THE VIGILANTE
4. THE CRIMSON AVENGER

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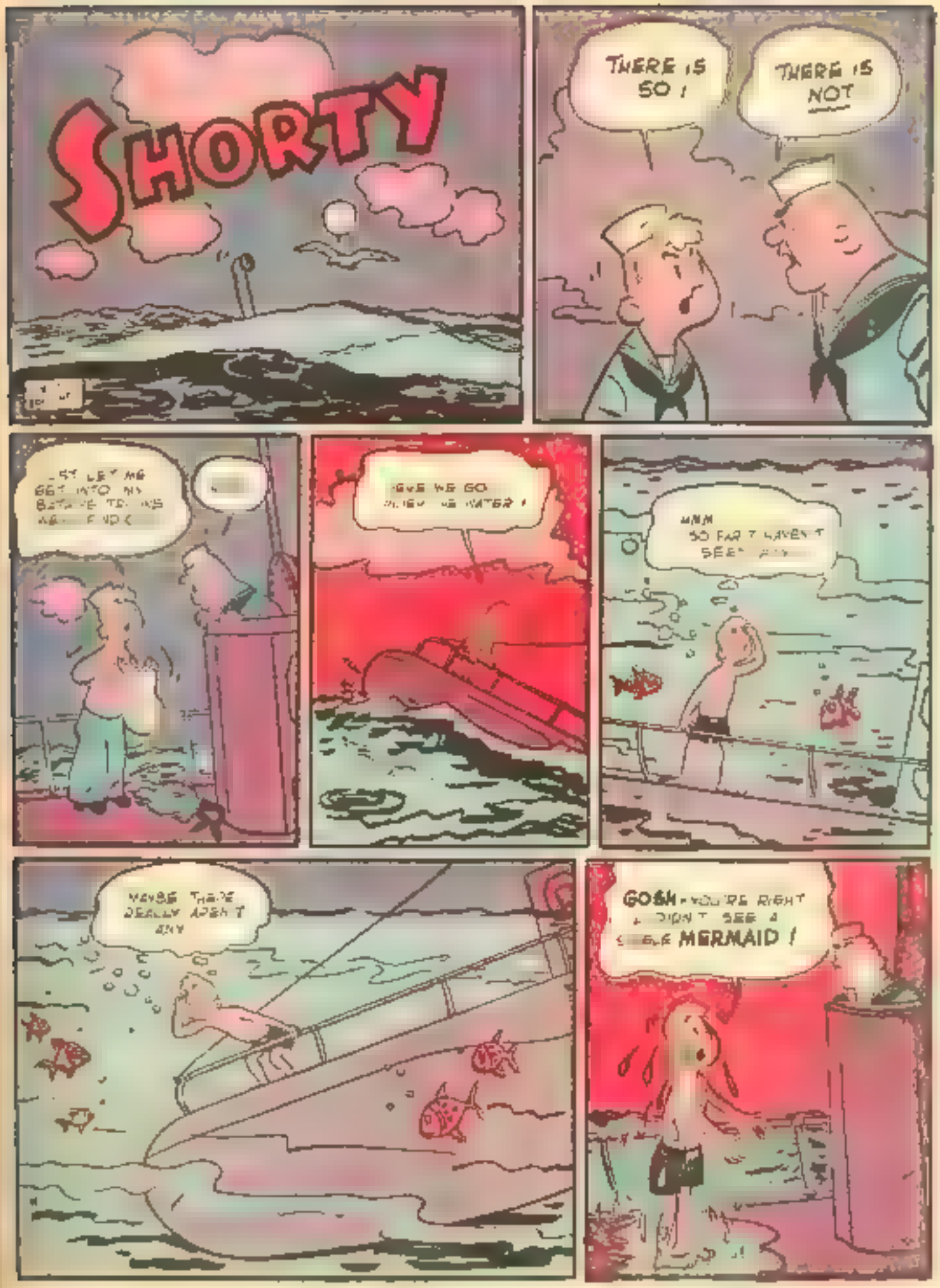
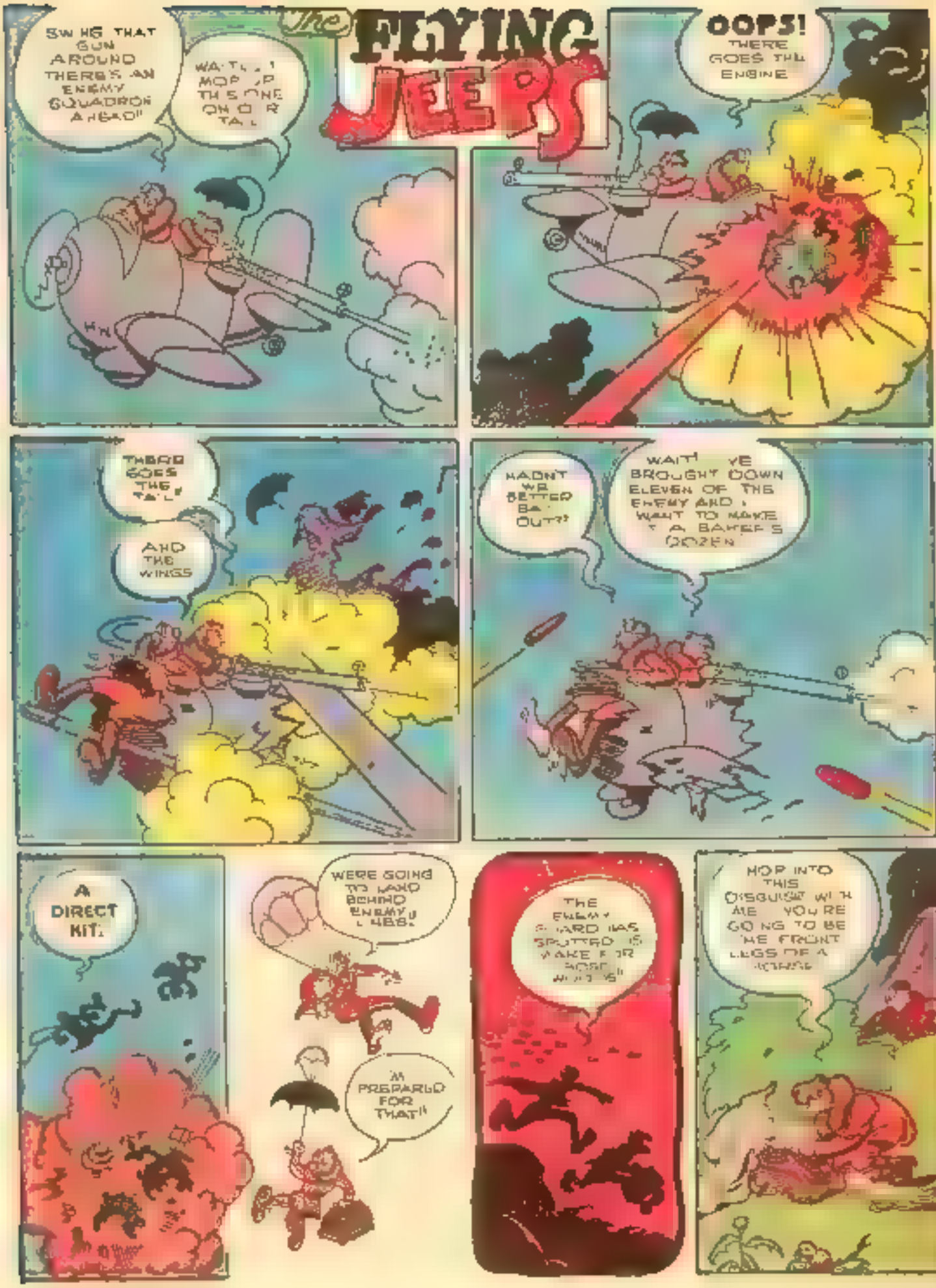

SHORTY
THERE IS SO !
THERE IS NOT
JUST LET ME GET INTO MY BATHING TRUNKS AGAIN FIRST !
HERE WE GO INTO THE WATER !
MMM SO FAR I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY
MAYBE THERE REALLY AREN'T ANY
GOSH - YOU'RE RIGHT I DIDN'T SEE A SINGLE MERMAID !


The FLYING JEEPS
SWING THAT GUN AROUND THERE'S AN ENEMY SQUADRON AHEAD!!
WAIT! I MOP UP THIS ONE ON OUR TAIL
OOPS! THERE GOES THE ENGINE
THERE GOES THE TAIL!
AND THE WINGS
HADN'T WE BETTER BAIL OUT?
WAIT! I'VE BROUGHT DOWN ELEVEN OF THE ENEMY AND I WANT TO MAKE IT A BAKER'S DOZEN
A DIRECT HIT!
WE'RE GOING TO LAND BEHIND ENEMY LINES!
I'M PREPARED FOR THAT!!
THE ENEMY GUARD HAS SPOTTED US! WAKE FOR MORE WORK!!
HOP INTO THIS DISGUISE WITH ME YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE FRONT LEGS OF A HORSE

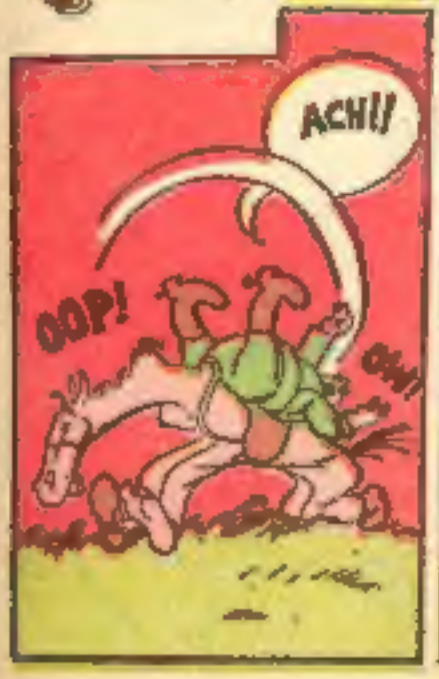
WE CAN WALK RIGHT THROUGH ENEMY LINES!! NO ONE WOULD ASK A HORSE TO GIVE THE PASS WORD!
WE'LL SOON KNOW! HERE COMES THE SQUAD THAT WAS FIRING AT US!....

SIG HEIL!!
SHA-H
NEIGH-A AA-AA AAA!!

DER GENERAL ORDERS ME TO SADDLE DOT HORSE SO HE CAN TAKE A GALLOP!!

EASY OTTO! ISS HE GENTLE!?

HE'LL BE A RIDING HORSE TILL DER FUEHRER COMES FOR DER INSPECTION..THEN HELL BE VEAL CHOPS!!
DID DOT HORSE SPEAK?
OW!


ACH!!
OOP!
OW!

RISE WITH YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR, GENERAL HEINBOCKLE!
THAT'LL BE A GOOD TRICK IF HE CAN DO IT!!
VOS ISS?

ISS FUNNY!! I CAPTURE DOT HORSE!! THEN....DOT HORSE CAPTURES ME!!

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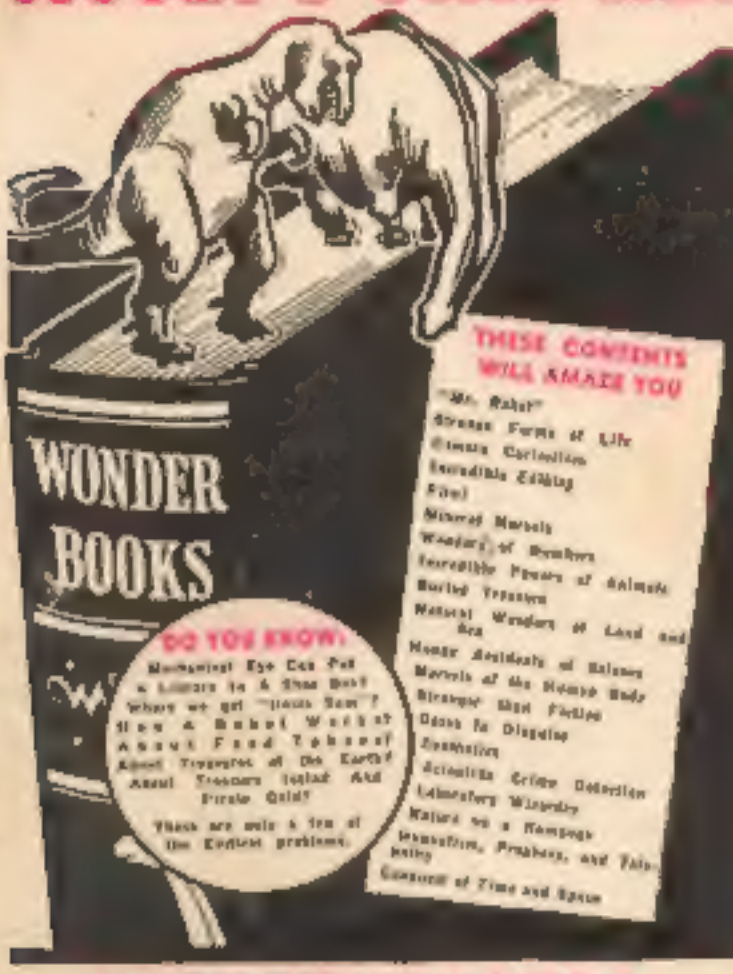

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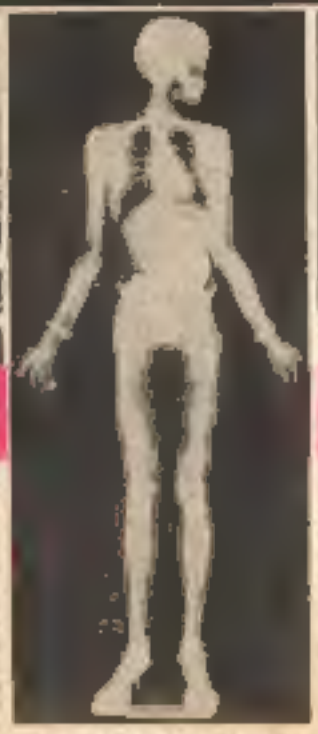

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